

Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.

15.17 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980."

The motion was adopted.

DR. ABRAR AHMED: I introduce the Bill.

15.19 hrs.

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- (i) **Need to take steps to check increasing dropout among SC/ST students in Orissa**

[*English*]

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI (Sambalpur): Sir, it is a matter of great concern that the dropout of girl students has been increasing in Orissa. A majority of the girl students are leaving studies midway. 49.8 per cent of the total girl students enrolled in Primary Schools in

Orissa left studies before they completed primary education in 1992-93 whereas 83.2 per cent of the girl students left studying at the High School level. The dropout rate is very high in backward districts like Kalahandi and Phulabani.

The poverty of the parents, lack of hostel facilities, inadequate amount of stipends and scholarships for SC & ST students are some of the prime reasons for the increasing dropout rate in different schools in that State.

The situation is worse at college level particularly in the case of SC & ST students. They do not get stipend every month. Sometime, it takes six or 12 months for the concerned department to disburse stipend to the SC & ST students.

As the rate of dropout has been increasing in Orissa, the Central Government should pay adequate attention to enhance the rate of stipend and scholarship for the SC & ST students. Direction should be sent to the State Government for regularly and timely disbursement of stipends and scholarship to the SC & ST students. Adequate number of hostels should be set up for the girls. Vocational courses should be introduced in schools and colleges to encourage and increase enrolment of girl students.

- (ii) **Need to construct Railway over-bridges at Odha, Niphad and Lasalgaon in Maharashtra**

DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR (Nasik): In my constituency, Nasik District, the traffic is increasing because of three sugar mills and industrial and agricultural development in the area. There has been