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Title: Request to declare Sambalpur University as a Central University in Odisha.

SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB (SAMBALPUR): Sir, Sambalpur University was established at Burla in the year 1967. It is located in western Odisha region and it imparts education to students of Odisha and the adjoining States. It has completed more than fifty years of its glorious existence becoming the torchbearer in higher education in western Odisha. Sir, due to its excellent academic credentials and sterling intellectual environment, students from southern coastal Odisha and neighbouring State of Chhattisgarh also come to the University for pursuing academic career and research studies.

A large number of tribal students are also pursuing their higher education in the Sambalpur University. In order to cope with the international standard, the University needs to have new centres of studies like Centre for South Asia, Centre for East Asia, Centre for America, Latin America and others. Sir, this requires faculty in specialised areas and also good infrastructure.

I urge the hon. Minister of HRD, through you, to declare Sambalpur University a Central University during the current year. This would be a true gift to the people of Sambalpur, particularly, of western Odisha.

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI (NOWGONG): Sir, I draw your kind attention to the situation of Assam which is burning today. You are

aware of it.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्य, आप लोग इस विषय पर बॉयकॉट कर गए थे । आप एक सीनियर सदस्य हैं ।

...(व्यवधान)

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI : Sir, I am sorry but I want to draw your attention towards this situation.

HON. SPEAKER: No. एक बार आपकी पार्टी बॉयकॉट कर चुकी है ।

डॉ. राजदीप राय ।

...(व्यवधान)

डॉ. राजदीप राय : स्पीकर महोदय, मुझे बोलने का मौका देने के लिए आपका धन्यवाद । मैं भी असम में जो आज और कल हो रहा है, उसके बारे में हाउस का अटेंशन ...(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER : No. आपको भी इजाजत नहीं है ।

श्री श्याम सिंह यादव ।

...(व्यवधान)