

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to fill the sanctioned 143 permanent posts in the Insitute for Classical Tamil and confer awards in the name of Dr. Dalaignar Karunanidhi.

**SHRI T. R. BAALU:** Sir, the Tamil major, Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi has donated Rs.1 crore for the sake of the award and for the development of Classical Tamil. ...(*Interruptions*) It was to create an endowment award. ... (*Interruptions*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** बालू जी, आप बैठ जाएं ।

**SHRI T. R. BAALU :** Sir, I have to speak. ...(*Interruptions*) I want to put my demand before the Government. ...(*Interruptions*) Sir, in 2010, out of the endowment of one crore rupees, a professor of Finland by name Askar Parpola was given the first Classical Tamil Award for the development of classical Tamil. From 2010 onwards up to this date, nine awards would have been extended to the scholars of eminence, but so far nothing has been done. Sir, 143 permanent posts have been sanctioned by the Government of India, but not even a single post has been filled till now. The Government of India has deserted the institution. It is defunct now. There is no Director; there is no Registrar; and there is no Financial Advisor. There is not even a single person in permanent position.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** माननीय सदस्य, नहीं-नहीं, आप नहीं ।

**SHRI T. R. BAALU:** Sir, kindly give me two minutes. Mr. Speaker, Sir, what is this? Sir, I am not talking for hours together. Sir, my leader Dr. Stalin appreciates our Prime Minister, whenever he tours abroad or

India, glorifies Tamil, citing Thiruvalluvar, Kaniyan Pungundranar, Thirukkural and Purananuru and so on. But what is the reality? Sir, it is not fair. You are very generous now-a-days, but I do not know what has happened today. Sir, you asked me to speak and I have to mention my demand to the Government of India. Dear Sir, what I suggest is that the reality is something else.

**HON. SPEAKER:** No political allegation please. आप अपना विषय रखिए ।

**SHRI T. R. BAALU:** Sir, the people belonging to the BJP are saffronising Thiruvalluvar in Chennai.

**HON. SPEAKER:** No. Shri Mohanbhai Kundariya.

**SHRI T. R. BAALU:** Sir, my demand is to see that the ruling party comes forward to sanction all the 143 permanent posts, and awards in the name of Kalaignar Karunanidhi.