

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to establish Eklavya schools and National level Folk and Art academy in the tribal area of our country.

PROF. A.S.R. NAIK (MAHABUBABAD): Madam, thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to speak on an auspicious day, that is, 9th August is known as the *Vishwa Adivasi Diwas*, the International Day of the World's Indigenous People. ... (*Interruptions*) आज विश्व भर में ... (व्यवधान) मैडम, मैं आपसे विनती करना चाहता हूँ कि last year also, we had requested the Government to celebrate the *Adivasi Diwas* officially. . . . (*Interruptions*).

Most of the States are not observing this day as 'Adivasi Day' because they are the protectors of our nation and its environment. ... (*Interruptions*) So, there should be an award instituted in honour of them. Recognition should be given to the tribal people who work in the field. ... (*Interruptions*) That is why I am requesting the Government to establish more Eklavya Schools in the tribal areas of our country. ... (*Interruptions*) A State and National level Folk and Art Academy should also be established so that they would benefit out of it. ... (*Interruptions*)