

Regarding scholarship for students from minority community

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Thank you, hon. Chairperson Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

I wish to bring a matter of urgent public importance to the notice of the House regarding the reduction in scholarship amount for minority students and the drastic cut in funds allocated for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the Government of Kerala, which has severely impacted the education and development of marginalised communities in the State.

Sir, the recent reports indicate a significant decrease in the financial aid for students from minority communities, making it harder for them to pursue education. Many deserving students who depend on scholarships for tuition fees, hostel accommodation, and study material, now face financial hardship. The delay in disbursing these scholarships has worsened the situation, forcing students to either take loans or discontinue their education.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Kindly put your demand.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Hon. Chairperson Sir, similarly, the funding for welfare programmes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been cut or inadequately allocated, affecting key initiatives such as post-matric scholarships, skill development programmes, self-employment schemes, and housing projects.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Please make it brief. Already, the 'Zero Hour' has been running for more than 1 hour and 47 minutes. So, kindly make it brief.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH Sir, I am just concluding.

Sir, the tribal students, who already face severe educational disadvantages, are among the worst affected by this reduction in funds. The State Government?
(Interruptions)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Now, Shri Laxmikant Pappu Nishad.

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