

Regarding the three language formula in New Education Policy

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Madam, thank you very much. ? (*Interruptions*) Madam, please get the House in order. ? (*Interruptions*)

Madam, thank you very much. ? (*Interruptions*) I rise here to bring the attention of this hon. House a matter of very grave concern. ? (*Interruptions*) Our hon. Union Education Minister has misled the House regarding the PM SHRI Scheme. ? (*Interruptions*)

Madam, we have never agreed. ? (*Interruptions*) Our Party Leader as well as the Members of the delegation, Members of Parliament as well as the School Education Minister, when they met the hon. Minister, they have never agreed. And our Chief Minister, Mr. M. K. Stalin had categorically stated that we would never sign the NEP. ? (*Interruptions*) And, this is pressurising the State Government. ? (*Interruptions*)

I want the Union Government to remember that education is still in the Concurrent List, and this is a death knell on the federal structure. They are trying to pressurise, and this is just playing with the education of the school children. You are denying funds to hundreds and thousands of school children, and then you are professing that you are working towards the upliftment of education. It is a farce. ? (*Interruptions*) Tamil Nadu will never yield to this misleading of the House with a false information.

Madam, you are our protector. You have to do justice to us. Our Chief Minister again categorically insists that we would not accept NEP and the three-language policy. We will stand up to our federal rights saying that we would not budge and we will fight for the educational rights of our people. Even if you were willing to give Rs. 10,000 crore for vetting the PM SHRI or whatever, we would not accept it. ? (*Interruptions*) We will take care, but I would like to insist through you, Madam and appeal to the Union Government. Let them not put this death knell or any sword of Damocles hanging over the federal structure of the Indian democracy. Thank you.