

Regarding alleged unauthorized absence of Vice-Chancellor of North Eastern Hill University

DR. RICKY A. J. SYNGKON (SHILLONG): Mr. Chairperson, before I raise a matter of public interest, I would kindly request you to permit me to speak on another subject, because the subject I had mentioned earlier was already addressed by me yesterday. So, I humbly ask you to allow me to speak on this very important issue.

Sir, through you, I wish to draw the attention of the Ministry of Education to the state of affairs in one of the oldest central universities of Northeast, namely the North Eastern Hill University. For 392 days, the present Vice-Chancellor has been absent from the University, yet he continues to draw his salary. It is further unfortunate that this Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P.S. Shukla, continues to interfere in the day-to-day functioning of the university, causing immense distress to the institution. Therefore, through you, I demand that this Vice-Chancellor be removed immediately.

I would also like to bring to the notice of this House that an inquiry team was constituted by the Ministry of Education. It has been a year, yet the inquiry report has still not been submitted, and I urge upon the concerned Ministry to place the report before this House. For the welfare of this great university, I strongly demand that the Government should remove this incompetent Vice-Chancellor and appoint a new one so that the university may emerge from its present crisis and continue to focus on teaching and research for the benefit and well-being of all its stakeholders. Thank you very much.