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Title : Need to avoid holding of IPL tournament during the months of March and April in view of examination of students during that period.

SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR (ZAHEERABAD): Madam Speaker, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise an urgent matter of public importance.

As the House is aware that the students would be appearing for their exams during March and April all over the country. They start their preparation for their studies from January itself to enable them to concentrate on their studies properly. We are also aware that the students' education is very much important in their life. We cannot get back the time of their studies once they lose it.

There is no doubt that we should encourage the sports like cricket and IPL, which have brought fame to our country internationally during the last three years. But my point is that the timing of the IPL matches is not appropriate keeping in mind the career of the students. Students and even parents are very much crazy about Cricket in our country. When on the one hand, the Government is earning a handsome amount of income from the IPL matches, on the other hand the Government must also think about the timing of students exams before finalizing the schedule of the IPL matches. Keeping in mind the career of the students, there is a need to conduct the IPL matches only after exam season because education is a must for children to prosper in future. Parents of the students are worried about the children's future. Nowadays, students from KG to PG and even parents are all sticking themselves to TV sets in watching and discussing about the IPL matches. This situation is completely damaging the life of the students.

Madam, I would, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs to intervene in the matter to avoid conducting the IPL matches during exam time. Keeping in mind the exam schedules of the Indian students on top priority, these IPL matches may be conducted only after their exams are over.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

13.00 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

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14.03 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Three Minutes past

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(Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)