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Title: Regarding status of Planning Commission.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that Planning Commission is a post-independent great institution of our country. It is a diadem of our democratic institution, which was aimed to guide towards social and economic prosperity, especially, in view of the complex society in our country where equality should be given to all sections of life. It was launched in the year 1951.

In the Independence Day speech, the present Prime Minister of India expressed his desire to replace the Planning Commission with a new institution having new design and other structure, but we do not know as to what is the exact structure of that institution. We have an emotional attachment with the Planning Commission because it was launched in the year 1951, and it was identified with great leaders like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and others. If there is any deficiency / shortcoming in running the Planning Commission, then it may be mended, but it should not be ended.

So, I would urge upon this Government not to dismantle the Planning Commission. If it is required, then you may strengthen this institution and you may rejuvenate this institution, but for God's sake, you should not dismantle the Planning Commission. ...(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है जो इश्यू आप उठा रहे हैं।

...(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: Yes, you can associate with the issue raised here.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Now, Dr. Shashi Tharoor.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please sit down. This is not the way to do it.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY : I would also urge upon this Government to have a threadbare discussion on this issue before dismantling the greatest institution of post-independent India. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) *

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप एसोसिएट कीजिए। आप लिखकर दीजिए।

*(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आपको मालूम है। आप नाम लिखकर दें और एसोसिएट करें।

*(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER :

Shri K. C. Venugopal,

Prof. Saugata Roy,

Dr. Shashi Tharoor,

Shri M. B. Rajesh,

Shri P. K. Biju,

Shri N. K. Premachandran, and

Shri Mullappally Ramchandran are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

