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Title: Regarding resignation of Prof. Amartya Sen from the Chancellorship of Nalanda University.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): Prof. Amartya Sen, noble laureate noted economist and philosopher has resigned from the Chancellorship of the Nalanda University after the Government failed to send the proposal by the Board of the University to make him Chancellor for another term. His resignation will hurt the image of the University which was set up to restore the historical glory of Nalanda which was meant to attract students from all over Asia. Prof. Sen has cited the above as an example of Government interference in the academic functioning of the University and an effort by the Government to impose its point of view on Nalanda. I decry this effort by the Government. It may be recalled that during NDA regime of 1999-2004, Prof. Sen was given a free travel on all Indian trains and a privilege card to fly free by Air India by the then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. I would like to urge the Human Resource Minister to appoint an eminent scholar as Chancellor of Nalanda University and extend regrets to Prof. Sen.