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Title:Need to appoint a Committee to ensure safety and security of women athletes in Sports hostel and in SAI centres and alleged incident of suicide by women athletes at SAI centres.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of this House and the Government to a very tragic and shocking incident which took place yesterday in Kerala. In Sports Authority of India's Centre, in Alleppey, Kerala, four athlete girls attempted to commit suicide and one athlete died today morning. She was a national winner and two girls are in a very serious condition. According to news reports, this has happened because of harassment. That is the media reports. SAI is an important institution and it is an institution of national importance and eminence. If this type of situation prevails in an institution like SAI, it is a matter of serious concern. The State of Kerala, as we all know, has given immense contribution in the field of athletics and in the field of sports and this girl who committed suicide is a national winner in kayaking. This should be an eye-opener. This Government should seriously intervene and seriously look into the situation and conditions. All the details are not available. This has happened today only.

HON. SPEAKER: I know about that thing. That is why, I have allowed you also. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI M.B. RAJESH: I am thankful to both Shri K.C. Venugopal and K. Suresh for supporting and associating with this matter.

This should be an eye-opener. The Government should seriously look into the conditions prevailing in sports hostel especially in SAI centres and the Government should appoint a Committee to ensure that safety and security of athletes are ensured in sports hostel and in SAI centres. I also demand that in addition to the appointment of a Committee to look into this overall affair, there should be a comprehensive investigation into this particular incident.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri P.K. Biju,

Adv. Joice George,

Shri P. Karunakaran,

Shrimati P.K. Shreemathi Teacher,

Shri Jose K. Mani,

Shri C.N. Jayadevan and

Dr. Shashi Tharoor are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri M.B. Rajesh.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam, this incident has taken place yesterday evening. I had contacted the medical college hospital, Alappuzha. I had also contacted the district collector. These four girls have taken poison. This incident has happened in SAI itself. Three girls are also in the hospital now. We are praying for their life.

I am also urging the Government that there should be a thorough inquiry. It should not be repeated Madam. There should be a strong action. Those who are found guilty should be punished by the Government.