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Title: Need to ensure protection to the students from Sikkim especially in Institute of Technology and Forward Management, Chandigarh.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM): Thank you Deputy Speaker, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to speak. I just want to draw your attention and that of the Governmentâ€¦ (Interruptions) Many students from Sikkim study in other parts of the country. I must report that about three days ago in Chandigarh many of our students got beaten up by students from Himachal and Chandigarh. This is also a State matter. However, in the interest of national solution I would request the Government and the Home Ministry to take strict action in seeing that students from Sikkim are given protection especially in institutes like the Institute of Technology and Forward Management. This is an institution which really is very-very poor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): Sir, the issue which has been raised by Shri P.D. Rai, as far as students from Northeast India are concerned, they have every right to be and study in any part of the country and we have the highest respect and love for them. Sir, sporadic incidents like this do happen. Possibly, he has mentioned about Chandigarh. I do not know the background in which the situation has happened. He has taken the name of the Himachal Pradesh State. I do not know whether the States would be involved but there are issues where students get involved. They have a rivalry or a fight. It is the duty of the Central Government to find out what has happened and I will definitely like to find out what has actually happened in Chandigarh.

I have the highest respect for Chandigarh because Chandigarh is the place where I started my politics. That University is one of the finest universities in the country but if certain incident has happened, we will find it out. We have to take care of all those students of Sikkim and even of all the other north-eastern States who are studying in Delhi or Pune or Karnataka. They are a part of us.

So, I can assure you from the Government that all these colleges and universities must take care of all these students and see that any such incident is redressed. So, Mr. Rai, I assure you that we will definitely look into it.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI : Thank you very much, Mr. Minister.