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Title: Need to make all Political Parties to disclose their audit report.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): Hon. Speaker, Madam, I am raising a matter of urgent public importance during 'Zero Hour'.

The facts that I have got have been brought to light by the Association for Democratic Reforms. These relate to the Audit Report of political parties.

In August, 2014, the Election Commission issued guidelines for transparency and accountability of national political parties. The guidelines were meant to make existing legislation in this matter clearer. In November, 2014, the Commission reiterated the guidelines for the national parties and stated that failing to follow the guidelines may compel action under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment Order).

Of the national parties, BJP, CPI(M), BSP, CPI and NCP have submitted their audit reports. The Congress has not submitted their report so far. The income of the BJP was Rs. 673 crore in 2013-14 and Rs.969 crore in 2014-15 respectively. The Indian National Congress had an income of Rs. 598 crore in 2013-14.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप इसकी रिपोर्ट थोड़े ही दे रहे हैं। Please tell, what you want.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): Madam, please listen. But the strange thing about the income of the political parties is that most of their total income is from unknown sources like voluntary contribution. Madam, 82.5 per cent of total income of INC is from unknown sources like sale of coupon. Similarly, 73 per cent of total income of BJP is from unknown sources like voluntary contribution; 75 per cent of total income of national parties is from unknown sources. Then, 53.8 per cent total income of CPI(M) is from unknown sources like voluntary contribution...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Prof. Saugata Roy, what do you want to say? Please be brief.

...(Interruptions)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : सौनंतर यह जी, आपस में चर्चा मत कीजिए। आपको जो बात रखनी है, वह सदन में रखिये।

â€“(व्यवधान)

PROF. SAUGATA ROY : Madam, I am making a very brief submission...*(Interruptions)*

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप अपना सबमिशन रखिये। बहुत सारी पार्टीज हैं, इसांतिए सबके बारे में मत कहिये।

â€“(व्यवधान)

PROF. SAUGATA ROY: The CPI(M) raised RS. 417 crore from 2005 to 2011 and took money from promoters, developers, resort companies and hoteliers. So, it is not possible for the common people to know what the unknown sources are. In the interest of transparency, the national parties should be asked to reveal their unknown sources. These facts have been brought to light by Association for Democratic Reforms...*(Interruptions)* I have said nothing unparliamentary. What are you objecting to? I have only quoted what the Association for Democratic Reforms has said that these parties do not submit their audit report....*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: I am not objecting. मेरा कहना है कि आप अपना सबमिशन थोड़े में रखिये।

â€“(व्यवधान)

प्रौ. सौनंतर यह : मेरा सबमिशन छोटा ही है। केवल एक पन्ने का सबमिशन है। वहां आप तब श्री ओंबेंजेशन करेंगी?

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप अपनी बात कहिये।

â€“(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : सौनंतर यह जी, आप वेरार को संबोधित करते हुए अपनी बात समाप्त कीजिए।

â€“(व्यवधान)

PROF. SAUGATA ROY: I demand that all these unknown sources be made known by INC, BJP, CPM etc. What are these unknown sources? Who have given money to them? We want to know...*(Interruptions)*

Thank you.