

Regarding need to print the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on currency notes to honour his contribution in nation building.-laid

DR. MALLU RAVI (NAGARKURNOOL): I wish to highlight the immense and often under-recognized contribution of Bharat Ratna, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to the foundation of India's monetary and banking system. Dr. Ambedkar, through his seminal work 'The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and Its Solution,' laid the intellectual foundation for India's central banking framework. His ideas significantly influenced the policies that led to the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India in 1935, reflecting his deep economic vision. Despite such a monumental contribution, it is a matter of concern that Dr. Ambedkar's portrait does not appear on Indian currency notes. Currency is not merely a medium of exchange but a symbol of national identity and collective recognition. Dr. Ambedkar dedicated his life to social justice, economic equality, and nation-building. Recognizing him on currency would be a fitting tribute and an important message to future generations about his role as a great economist and architect of modern India. I urge the Hon'ble Government and the Reserve Bank of India to consider including Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's portrait on Indian currency notes as a mark of respect and historical justice.