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HON. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, I have to inform the House about the demise of two international personalities.

Shri Anerood Jugnauth was former President of the Republic of Mauritius our friendly country. He was also the Prime Minister of Mauritius for six terms. He was the main architect of bilateral relationship between India and Mauritius. The Government of India conferred upon him the Padma Vibhushan and also honoured him with the first Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award for his important role in building the bilateral relationship between two countries. He passed away in Mauritius on 3 June, 2021 at the age of 91 years.

Dr. Kenneth David Buchizhya Kaunda was the first President of Zambia. He was the President of Zambia from 1964 to 1991. He was greatly inspired by the freedom struggle of India and Mahatama Gandhi during the freedom struggle of Zambia. He had special affection for India and he also visited India several times. He was one of the most respected leaders of Africa. He passed away on 17 June, 2021 at Lusaka, Zambia at the age of 97 years.

This House deeply mourns the loss of the two great personalities and convey its condolences to their families.

The Members then stood in silence for a while.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(1) Regarding the powers of Gram Sarpanch in Rajasthan.

SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA: Gram Panchayats have been fully empowered through the 73rd constitutional amendment but the provisions of the 73rd amendment are not being complied with in Rajasthan. Sarpanchs are not free to undertake any type of development work in their panchayats. It is therefore, urged through this House that the Sarpanchs should be allowed to work freely in their respective panchayats.

(2) Regarding cultural tourism in Deoghar, Jharkhand.

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY: Deoghar is one of the 51 Shaktipeeths and also the Dwadash Jyotirlingas in the country. This holy place is visited by over 5 crore pilgrims every year. The potential for cultural tourism of Deoghar in Jharkhand is still insufficiently researched and poorly utilized. Deoghar cultural centre will conceptualise the aim of projecting cultural kinship which transcends territorial boundaries.

(3) Regarding upliftment of SC/ST.

SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA : Despite reservation in education and employment and several other social security schemes being in place, the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes are living in penury. In such a situation there is an urgent need to take meaningful and concrete steps to bring these deprived lots into the main stream of development of the country. For this, Government machinery should be made more transparent and accountable.

(4) Need to expedite payment of export subsidy to sugar mills in Bardoli parliamentary constituency, Gujarat.

SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA: The export subsidy accrued on sugar exported during 2019-20 and 2020-21 has not yet been paid to most of the sugar mills located in Gujarat including my parliamentary constituency, Bardoli. They are already facing a number of difficulties because of the closure of the sugar mills for months due to corona pandemic. Hence, the payment of outstanding export subsidy to the sugar mills should be expedited.

(5) Need to ensure purchase of 'Chana Harbhara' by NAFED in Wardha parliamentary constituency, Maharashtra.

SHRI RAMDAS TADAS: Today, the farmers are reeling under crisis as the purchase of Chana Harbhara by NAFED has been discontinued in my parliamentary constituency, Wardha of Vidharbha region of Maharashtra. Chana Harbhara lying in the open area is

likely to be perished due to sudden discontinuance of its purchase. Hence, the officers concerned of NAFED may please be directed to resume the purchase of Chana Harbhara.

(6) Need to prohibit web series on internet depicting objectionable content.

SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT: The web series being shown on internet channels are adversely affecting the society. These web series are depicting epicurean and sensuous programmes. ALT Balaji, Ullu, Netflix, Amazon Prime etc. are producing most of the web series which have abusive and indecent contents. Hence, such web series should be prohibited.

(7) Regarding religious conversion of Adivasi people in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh.

SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI : The religious conversion of the Adivasi people in Sukma, the tribal majority area of Chhattisgarh, is a matter of grave concern. I request the Government to intervene immediately in this sensitive matter.

(8) Need to start Singrauli - Jabalpur Inter-City railway service.

SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK: Already sanctioned train should be started between Singrauli and Jabalpur as soon as possible.

(9) Need to include Rajasthani Language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN: There has been a long term demand from across Rajasthan through various fora for the inclusion of Rajasthani language to the Eighth Schedule by according it a constitutional validation. I would like to urge upon the Central Government to take necessary steps to provide a constitutional recognition to Rajasthani language which is spoken by nearly over 10 crore people.

(10) Need to put Sri Krishna Janam Bhoomi outside the ambit of Places of Worship Act, 1991.

SHRI KRISHNAPALSINGH YADAV: Prayers have had been made to provide the title rights of a parcel of land measuring 13.37 acre to the lord Thakur Shri Keshav Devji and revoke the decree awarded in 1968. Shri Krishna Janambhoomi should be kept beyond the purview of unnecessary laws like "The Places of Worship Act, 1991" in order that it may be facilitated to assume the status of devotional hub for all Hindus and as well as all Krishna devotees visiting here from across the world.

(11) Regarding release of water for Maharashtra as per award of NWDP.

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: My Constituency is located on the banks of River Narmada along with Sardar Sarovar Project which is one of the largest resources

projects in India covering four major States. As per the award of NWDP in 1979, Maharashtra is entitled to a share of 0.25 MAF (10.89 TMC) from this project for irrigation and drinking purposes. The fact of the matter is that Maharashtra particularly, my constituency Nandurbar is not receiving the designated share of water for irrigation and human consumption. I urge upon the Government to release the due share of water and thus help achieve the Prime Minister's dream of doubling farmers' income by 2022.

(12) Regarding Farmers' protest.

SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR: Allowing the farm leaders raising protests against the farm laws is not Covid appropriate. These persons are sitting at Jantra Mantra and are causing huge inconvenience to the people at large. They are blocking highways and pretend to be farmers. It is very unfortunate. It is incumbent upon the Government to turn severe on the so-called farmers' friendly agitators.

(13) Need to provide stoppage of trains at Barwadih, Latehar and Chhipadohar Railway Stations in Chatra Parliamentary Constituency, Jharkhand.

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH: My Parliamentary Constituency Chatra houses Barwadih railway junction which happens to be the main railway station of Latehar district headquarters. I would like to urge the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to reintroduce the stoppage of trains bearing number 02583/02584, 08311/08312, 01447/01448 and 08635/08636 at Barwadih, Latehar and Chhipadohar railways stations at the earliest possible.

(14) Regarding reopening window of Awas + mobile App for one more month in Odisha.

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU: A large number of poor and tribal people have not been able to register themselves in the Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (gramin). Our hon. Chief Minister has requested to re-open the window of Aawas + mobile App for the entire State for a period of one more month. I would request the hon. Prime Minister to consider the request of my State, Odisha, sympathetically.

(15) Regarding withdrawal of money by depositors from RCBL.

SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT: I would like to raise the matter regarding merger of the Rupee Co-operative Bank Limited (RCBL). The Bank is having a network of 35 branches with the strength of around 5 lakh depositors having deposits of Rs. 1296 crore. The Bank has been earning an Operating Profit continuously for the past five years. The Bank is under all-inclusive directions of the Reserve Bank since February 2013. As such, the depositors are not getting their hard-earned money since 2020.

(16) Regarding developments in Gaya and Aurangabad Districts in Bihar under Aspirational Districts Programme.

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH: Two districts of my Parliamentary Constituency, Gaya and Aurangabad have been included in the list of aspirational districts. Though the work relating to transport and road connectivity has been undertaken at a faster pace in these districts, yet the overall economic development of these areas is not gaining momentum owing to the lack of better proper development. I personally donated about 20 acres of land located at the national highway for setting up a medical college in Aurangabad but certain norms have become obstacles in it. I, therefore, demand from the Government that the education, health and employment generation should get the priority in these aspirational districts. The setting up of educational institutions in collaboration with Government should be cleared at the earliest.

(17) Need to construct a railway line between Tarapur and Arnej.

SHRI MITESH PATEL (BAKABHAI): Shri Boot Bhawani historical Shakti Peeth Temple is located in Arnej village of Dholka Tehsil under Ahmedabad district. A large number of devotees and saints come here for *darshan* of mata. There has been a popular demand of the local population to lay rail line between Tarapur and Arnej. Arnej Railway Station should also be upgraded from flat category to B category.

(18) Regarding enhancing construction cost for constructing homes under Prime Minister Awas Yojana.

KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI: The Government of India sanctions Rs. 1.8 Lakh for construction of 350 square feet house under Prime Minister Awas Yojana Scheme. I request the Hon'ble Minister to enhance the construction cost for each house under the said scheme to Rs. 3 lakh rupees in tribal areas under the ST Sub-Plan.

(19) Need to revive the Rajendra Kushth Sewa Ashram, Siwan in Bihar.

SHRIMATI KAVITA SINGH: The Rajendra Kushth Sewa Ashram in my Parliamentary Constituency Siwan used to be run with the financial assistance provided by the Government of India. Today, this Sewa Ashram lies in desolate condition. I, through this House, would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to kindly revive this Ashram.

(20) Regarding issue of Notification regulating the use of RO Purifier.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA: There have been complaints that RO systems used in India are actually de-mineralising water. So, an Expert Committee was constituted which recommended that if TDS is less than 500 milligrams per litre, such RO system will

remove important minerals and also cause undue wastage of water. The issue has gone before NGT and it had directed the Government of India to immediately issue notification banning RO purifiers where TDS in water is below 500 milligrams per litre. The Government sought four more months for issue of notification - two months for inviting comments and two months for finalisation. Now, that period is also over. Hence, I appeal to the Government of India to issue notification in the interest of public health.

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Secretary General

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