

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES
(Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

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OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, today I have taken up more than seven issues relating to farmers. I wanted you all to ask questions to the Hon. Minister on farmers' issues during the Question Hour and resolve them. But you do not wish to debate the farm issues nor do you want to have dialogue, you are exhibiting placards and are raising slogans instead. This House belongs to you and it is incumbent upon you to show deference to this august House and uphold its dignity. The people of the country have elected you to place your points and raise the farmers' issues. It is not fair to resort to sloganeering.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- 1. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU** laid a statement regarding implementation of Ayushman Bharat Yojana in West Bengal.
- 2. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI** laid a statement regarding need to provide stoppage of train Nos. 05113/14 and 55007/08 at Taraiya Sujan Railway Station, in Deoria district, Uttar Pradesh.
- 3. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV** laid a statement regarding need to enhance the minimum pension under Employees' Pension Scheme.
- 4. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO** laid a statement regarding implementation of 'Patmada Pump Nahar' Scheme in Jharkhand.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Chair.

5. **DR. UMESH G. JADAV** laid a statement regarding establishment of a Postal Head office at Yadagir city, Karnataka.
6. **SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE** laid a statement regarding need to construct pit line at Latur Railway Station, Maharashtra.
7. **SHRI RAJU BISTA** laid a statement regarding reinstating the 11 left-out Gorkha sub-tribes as STs.
8. **SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to set up a Mini Food Park in Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Parliamentary Constituency, Haryana.
9. **SHRI ARUN SAO** laid a statement regarding need to develop Ratanpur in Bilaspur district, Chhattisgarh as a tourist place.
10. **SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI** laid a statement regarding enhancement of Pension under EPS-1995.
11. **SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR** laid a statement regarding financial assistance to hand-woven textile industry in West Bengal.
12. **SHRI RAMDAS TADAS** laid a statement regarding increase in import duty on oranges exported to Bangladesh.
13. **SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY** laid a statement regarding allocation for funds for development of Bhongir Fort in Bhongir Parliamentary Constituency, Telangana.
14. **DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY** laid a statement regarding alleged irregularity in appointment to the post of Secretary, National Medical Commission.
15. **SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI** laid a statement regarding promotion of eco-tourism in Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu.
16. **PROF. SOUGATA RAY** laid a statement regarding repeal of farm laws.
17. **SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA** laid a statement regarding sanction of funds to Andhra Pradesh to combat the menace of climate change.
18. **SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT** laid a statement regarding need to undertake caste census in Census 2021.
19. **SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding electrification of Kollam-Punalur and Punalur-Schenkottah Railway line.

- 20.SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to upgrade ESIC DCBO in Jhunjhunu Parliamentary Constituency, Rajasthan into a 30-bedded hospital.
- 21. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU** laid a statement regarding disinvestment of RINL.
- 22.SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL** laid a statement regarding need to cover employees appointed before 1.1.2004 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya under CCS Pension Rules, 1972.

The Essential Defence Services Bill, 2021

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (ADV. AJAY BHATT) *moving the motion for consideration of the Bill said:* The Government of India on 16 May, 2020 announced that the DRDO Factory Board will be corporatized to ensure autonomy, accountability and efficiency in defence supplies. The employees issued a notice for going on strike against this decision of the Government. The entire House is well aware of the situation prevailing at our northern borders. This situation requires uninterrupted supply of arms and ammunitions to our defence forces. This Bill has been introduced to ensure the security of the nation and it does not have any provision to jeopardize the interest of any employee.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN *initiating said:* There are 41 Ordnance Factories in India. Now, the Government of India under the Ministry of Defence is trying to convert this into separate boards. It is an indirect way of privatization of ordnance factories and the sole purpose of this Bill is to ban strike. Eighty-four thousand employees in the Defence sector, particularly in the ordnance factories will be affected by this. Banning the right to strike means taking away the legitimate right of the workers. Therefore, I strongly oppose the Bill.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY: This legislation is nothing but a draconian measure. The Government is intending to throttle the democratic right of the labourers . It is totally an undemocratic legislation.

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: This Ordinance is anti-labour. Around 78,000 workers working in the various Ordnance factories had given a strong note opposing the corporatization of ordinance factories.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH) replying *said:* We have held dialogue with all the Employees Unions of the Ordnance Factory Board in a very cordial atmosphere. I would like to ensure the House that this Bill will be effective only if invoked and it will be in force only for a period of one year. I, therefore, would like to request all the hon. Members of the House to pass this Bill unanimously.

The Bill, as amended, was passed

The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN) *moving the motion for consideration of the Bill said:* Keeping in mind the need of the hour, this Bill has been brought in because so many cases are lying pending before the tribunal. Hon. Supreme Court has also delivered its judgment in this regard and in such a scenario we brought this Ordinance. When we are bringing this Bill to enact law by replacing this Ordinance, the opposition is knowingly or unknowingly creating constitutional impasse which is not good. This is why I have been trying to say all along that all the contents figuring in the Ordinance have been covered in the Bill. Therefore, in view of the above, I request you all to pass this Bill at the earliest.

The Bill was passed

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH

Secretary General

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