

LOK SABHA

**SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES
(Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 / Magha 22, 1941 (Saka)

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

1. **SHRI RAVI KISHAN** laid a statement regarding need to develop Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh as a tourist destination and also provide a special package for the purpose.
2. **SHRI RAKESH SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to introduce NCERT curriculum in all CBSE affiliated schools in the country.
3. **DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI** laid a statement regarding treatment of rare diseases.
4. **DR. UMESH G. JADAV** laid a statement regarding need to establish an AIIMS like medical institute at ESIC, Kalaburagi in Karnataka.

* Laid on the Table as directed by Chair.

5. **SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL** laid a statement regarding need to grant the status of Central University to Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
6. **SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL** laid a statement regarding need to ban the organization Popular Front of India.
7. **SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE** laid a statement regarding need to construct barrage on Wainganga river and dams on its tributaries in Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra.
8. **DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to rejuvenate the temples of archeological importance in Achatt village in Chhattarpur Parliamentary constituency, Madhya Pradesh.
9. **SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA** laid a statement regarding need to restore the rights of scheduled tribes on forest land.
10. **DR. SANJAY JAISWAL** laid a statement regarding need to provide a rapid diagnostic kit for detection of Corona virus in suspected patients in the country and impose immediate temporary ban on import of sea-food and meat from China.
11. **SHRI DEVAJI PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to ontroduce a train from Gandhidham to Delhi via Jalore.

12. **SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM** laid a statement regarding need to shut down illegal mica mines in Bihar and Jharkhand.
13. **SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY** laid a statement regarding political representation to Third Gender Community.
14. **SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN** laid a statement regarding need to set up an Advanced Institute of Virology in Kerala.
15. **ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH** laid a statement regarding need to protect Varkala cliffs, a geological monument in coastal Kerala.
16. **SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON** laid a statement regarding 3 per cent refund scheme of Nationalized banks.
17. **SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI** laid a statement regarding setting up of a Herbal-Cum-Eco park at Meichangam, Tiruvannmalai district, Tamil Nadu.
18. **SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU** laid a statement regarding exempting wood pulp from GST and ensuring its fair price.
19. **SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE** laid a statement regarding need to grant heritage status to British era Central Railway Institute building in Lonavala in Maval Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.

20. **DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN** laid a statement regarding need to start construction of flyover in Gopalganj town in Gopalganj district, Bihar.
21. **ADV. A. M. ARIFF** laid a statement regarding need to review decision of disinvestment of Life Insurance Corporation of India.
22. **SHRI K. SUBBARAYAN** laid a statement regarding enacting a law for domestic workers.
23. **SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding increase in pension under EPS-95.

THE UNION BUDGET - 2020-2021-Contd.

***SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:**

***SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN:**

***SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL:**

***SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:**

***SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:**

***SHRI ANTO ANTONY:**

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***SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

***DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:**

***SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:**

***SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

***SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

***SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:**

***SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:**

***SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

***SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:**

***SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

***SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:**

***SHRI AJAY TAMTA:**

***SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

***SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD :**

***KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

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***SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:**

***SUSHRI DIYA KUMARI:**

***SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

***SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:**

***DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:**

***SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:**

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN) *replying said:* The size of the Indian economy is something which I will start with. In 2014-15, our economy was about two trillion and by 2019-20, it has reached 2.9 trillion. That is the rate at which our economy is growing. So, I want to highlight those important indicators which show that there are green shoots in the economy. The first thing is that the global sentiment is in favour of India. Foreign investors continue to show confidence in India. That is why the country has attracted a net FDI of 24.4 billion US dollars from April to November in 2019-20. Secondly, the announcement of the National Infrastructure Pipeline may further increase the flow of FDI into the country even for brownfield projects. The next indicator of green shoots is that

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industrial activity is on rebound. Furthermore, Foreign Exchange Reserves have built to 466.69 billion in US dollars as of 24th January, 2020 reflecting an increasing confidence of overseas investors in the Indian economy. Again, GST collection is steadily and only improving. This would obviously bring in newer and greater investments to the economy and it would also reduce the business cost. Most often when we talk about economy, we constantly and rightly refer to the four growth engines, namely private consumption, private investment, public investment and exports. The Government is constantly in touch with the industry, with the MSMEs, with stakeholders of all kinds so that the steps that we take actually trigger all the four engines towards speedy growth. To achieve this goal, Cabinet has approved the IBC Bill which helped in fast tracking the insolvency resolution process. Similarly, under National Infrastructure Pipeline, a task force has been formed and Rs. 103 lakh crores worth of projects have been announced. Moreover, the Government has proposed an amalgamation of ten public sector banks into four with a view to create next generation banks. Similarly, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 1.95 crore houses are to be provided in the rural areas and guidelines have been relaxed for financing of homebuyers. The Government has also taken various steps for auto sector. The GST rate on all electric vehicles has been reduced. Apart from that, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi has been extended to all eligible farmers irrespective of the size of the

holdings. With regard to personal income tax, an alternative way is being given with completely reduced tax rates. For improving exports, RoDTEP will replace the MEIS which will more than adequately compensate and incentivise exporters. Similarly, NIRVIK Scheme will expand the scope of export credit. In our effort to do all this, we have not reduced the sectoral allocation for any of the important sectors. For Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes BE of 2020-21 has been increased. Similarly, for women and children, BE for 2020-21 funds have been increased. I will now turn to the deficit trend. In BE 2020-21 it will come down to 3.5. Similarly, capital expenditure now has gone up 21 per cent. The Government have been taking care of employment issue and crores of people have been provided jobs under various schemes. As regards MNREGA, the Government has been increasing allocations to MNREGA at every stage. So, we are taking care of building a very sound economy.

The discussion was concluded.

THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (AMENDMENT)

BILL, 2019

(As passed by Rajya Sabha)

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

moving the motion for consideration of the Bill, said: Certain communities of Karnataka belonged to the Scheduled Tribes but they were not notified as such. The State Government of Karnataka had forwarded a proposal to the Government of India to include those communities in the Scheduled Tribes List. Several proposals of this type are under the consideration of the Union Government and the Government makes sincere efforts to deliver justice to those Scheduled Tribe communities.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH *initiating said:* I support this Bill. There are so many other recommendations which came from various States to include Scheduled Tribe communities. The Government of India should consider the recommendations of other states to include the Scheduled Tribe communities of their respective states. But the point to be noted is that the number of communities are increasing but the job opportunities or other reservation benefits are limited to them. Therefore, I would like to request the hon. Minister for Tribal Affairs to increase the percentage of reservation as well as the allocation of funds for these communities. There is a recommendation from my State Kerala to include

Girivarga-Vedar community in the Scheduled Tribes list. I would like to request the hon. Minister, through you, to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

***SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: I support this Bill. But I request the Tribal Affairs Minister that this whole process of inclusion of tribes should be made simpler. Today the main threat to the country is being posed by the Maoists. The cadres for the Maoist movement are being provided by the tribals. In the State of West Bengal, we have been able to control Maoism by development of the tribal areas. We have not been really successful in this country in improving the educational standards of the tribals. I am sure that the Government will play a very active role in improving their educational standards. There are already Eklavya Schools, tribal scholarships and so on. We should be very careful about lands in the Scheduled Tribal areas so that they are not usurped by the big corporates. I want a concerted effort by the Government of India to improve the lot of tribals. With these words, I support the Bill.

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT: I welcome this Bill but at the same time I must say that this Bill sadly lacks a holistic view, as the fact remains that demands from various States at varying points in time have for long been made for inclusion of castes in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. For instance Dhangar

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(Shepherds) community of Maharashtra are landless and are forest dwellers like tribes. Yet, the Government has not yet been seized of their concern so far. Likewise the issue of Belgavi or Belgaon as well as the issue of Maharashtra border remains unsettled to date. Therefore, I demand that any amendment to be brought in the foreseeable future must be covering the entire nation and not pertaining to any State in particular.

SHRI N. REDDEPPA: This Bill will bring necessary relief to the tribal communities in the State of Karnataka. I would like to draw the attention of this House to the deplorable conditions of the tribal population of India. About 45 per cent of them live below poverty line. I strongly object to the reduction in allocations in this years' budget, especially the allocations for the Department of School Education. This is a sharp decline from the last year. I would like to point out that there is an issue with the utilization of the funds for the scheme. The problem of underutilization of funds and hence, getting lapsed is a hurdle. With these words, I support the Bill.

SHRI DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. : I welcome this Bill for including the Castes and Tribes in Karnataka. We have a lot of Scheduled Tribe people in our place who are not listed in the Scheduled Tribe List. A few of them are called Kurumba and Kurmans. We want them to be included in the Scheduled Tribes List. Even employment is not being provided to them. Tamil Nadu has given

reservations up to 67 per cent but now we are not able to implement because of the orders of the High Court and the Supreme Court. We would request the Central Government to look into this. I request the Minister of Tribal Affairs for opening up Eklavya Schools in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE: There is a Dhangar caste in Maharashtra. They should be included in ST, SC list. The only thing that is an equalizer in this country is good and equality education. I cannot understand why does it have to be only with two small communities, why can it not be a holistic Bill which includes all the requirements and demands of various States. I wholeheartedly support this Bill but reiterate my demand that the Government should also do proper justice to the Dhangar caste.

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY: On 26th November, 1949 Khatodi and Ghatwal communities of Santhal Pargana were adopted as tribals. However, just after two months time on 26th January, 1950, when the notification was issued, the names of Khatodi and Ghatwal communities was omitted owing to some clerical mistake. Since then, this fight has been on for the last 70 years. I have also been fighting for it continuously. When the hon. Minister was the Chief Minister during 2004-05, he had sent a recommendation that injustice has been done to Khatodi and Ghatwal tribes and they should be included in the list of Scheduled Tribes. When the hon. Minister again became the Chief Minister in 2011, then he again

sent that recommendation. I just mean to say that this is a historical omission. I would, therefore, urge the Government to include Khatodi and Ghatwal communities in the list of scheduled tribes.

SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA: I support the Constitution(Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2019. It is our demand that the Gangamatha, Kabbaliga and Koli communities should also be included in this category. Besides, the case of Jhodia Tribe, belonging to Odisha, has also been long pending. Something must be done for them also. We do not want only reservation. We want our inclusion as well. Forest, land, hills belong to the tribals. The Scheduled Tribe people must not be evicted from forest rights.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: There is a list of 170 communities to be incorporated in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. I, therefore, would urge upon the Government to give due priority to all. The Vedan community in Kerala should be included in the Scheduled Tribes because of their poor living conditions. The State Government of Kerala has recommended names of many tribes for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes. Unfortunately, their names have not been included.

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA: This amendment is a major step in the affirmative direction to bring the poor, the deprived and the destitute ones into the

mainstream of development by meeting out justice to the tribal communities belonging to Talwar, Talwari, Pariwari, Nayak, Nayika castes. Whereas I am in support of this Bill, I make specific demand for the inclusion of 15 deprived castes belonging to the State of Uttar Pradesh including that of Goud, Gour, Turaha, Turaiya, Rajbhar, Nishad, Bind etc in the list of Scheduled Tribes, which has been their demand for years together in order that they may join the mainstream of social and economic order.

KUNWAR DANISH ALI: I rise to support the Bill which has been brought in with a view to rectify the spelling error in respect of tribal community of Karnataka. Alongside, I demand for the inclusion of 15 castes of Uttar Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Tribes and also demand filling up backlog in the services of both Central and Uttar Pradesh Government.

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: I welcome this Bill and urge upon the Government to include the two communities of Tamil Nadu - Narikaravar and Kuttunayakan in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

SHRI SURESH KASHYAP: I support this Bill. Alongside, I would like to urge upon the Government to accord Giripar region of Himachal Pradesh and hotti community residing therein, a tribal status on the lines of Jaunsari community belonging to Jaunsar Babar region of Uttarakhand.

SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: I come from the State of Odisha which is having 22.5 per cent of Scheduled Tribes. Out of 117 proposals from all over India, seven are from Odisha for seven tribal groups. They should get the Scheduled Tribe certificate. Till now, it has not been taken into consideration by the Government. I would also request the hon. Minister to include OBCs in the Census 2021 because we do not know their total population in India and the benefits exactly received by them. A tribal museum is being set up in Ranchi, Jharkhand. We appreciate that. But how can the Government ignore a State like Odisha which has 62 tribes and 13 primitive tribal groups? Therefore, we demand that a tribal museum be set up in Odisha.

***SHRI RANJEETSINHA HINDURAO NAIK -NIMBALKAR:**

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY: There is a community *Adivasi Kurmi Samaj* in my State. They worship nature and not any form. They are basically agriculturists. This *Adivasi Kurmi Samaj* has been neglected since British time and are being discriminated. This community was classified as a Notified Tribe by the British in 1865. In 1913, Kurmis were listed in the Scheduled Tribes List. Now, they have been dropped from that List. Why such injustice is being meted out against the Kurmi Adivasi community? I would request the hon.

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Minister to include them in the Scheduled Tribes List in view of their centuries old sagas of struggle.

SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP: In Uttar Pradesh, the Kashyap, Nishad, Bind, Manjhi, Majwar, Rayakvar, Turiya, Bhuriya, Dhuriya communities belong to backward castes though they are extremely backward educationally, economically and politically. I request the Hon. Minister to include them also in the Scheduled Tribes List in view of their educational, economical and social condition.

SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE: The six communities of Assam – Kush, Rajvanshi, Moran, Motak, Ahom and Munda tribal communities are also not getting benefit. The Assam Government had formed a committee also. The BJP had also given assurance but nothing happened. The people of Goriya, Moriya and Kalita communities had also raised their demand. Therefore, I am in favour of a comprehensive Bill.

SHRI ARJUN MUNDA *replying said:* I extend my sincere thanks to all the hon. Members for giving their suggestions during the course of discussion. This legislation has been brought in from the point of view of a particular State. Some other States have also got similar issues. The Government of India while taking cognizance of the recommendations made in this regard will continuously endeavor to rectify the errors owing to which some sections of the society have

remained deprived despite constitutional provisions in place. Therefore, the Government while taking note of the suggestions made by hon. Members in this regard will continue to work in this direction. I, therefore, request the House to pass this amendment.

The Bill, as amended, was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

HON. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that I have received the following message from hon. President on 7th February, 2020:

"I am immensely pleased to acknowledge thanks expressed by the hon. Members of Lok Sabha for my Address to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 31st January, 2020. "

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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