

## LOK SABHA

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Tuesday, February 4, 2020 / Magha 15, 1941 (Saka)

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### OBITUARY REFERENCE

**HON'BLE SPEAKER:** Hon'ble Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al Said, Sultan of Oman and our seven former members Sarvashri N. Selvaraju, Rampal Singh, Y.V. Rao, Chander Pal Singh, Chunni Lal Bhau Thakur, P.H. Pandian and Kamal Singh.

**HM Sultan Qaboos** was a visionary leader whose twin policies of moderation and mediation in addressing international issues won him praise and respect across the globe. Under his leadership, the Sultanate of Oman achieved spectacular progress and prosperity.

In a spirit of amity our mutually beneficial comprehensive partnership got edified and scaled newer heights under his leadership. These bonds have been underpinned by the presence of a large expatriate Indian community in Oman.

This House joins the leadership and the people of the Sultanate of Oman in mourning the irreparable loss.

**Shri N. Selvaraju** was a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing Tiruchirappalli Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

Shri N. Selvaraju passed away on 26 March, 2019 at the age of 74 years.

**Shri Rampal Singh** was a member of the 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabhas representing Domariyaganj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Rampal Singh passed away on 17 November, 2019 at the age of 89 years.

**Shri Y.V. Rao** was a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing the Guntur Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Shri Y.V. Rao passed away on 4 December, 2019 at the age of 87 years.

**Shri Chander Pal Singh** was a member of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabhas representing Amroha Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

He was also a member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly for two terms and was also a Minister in the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Chander Pal Singh passed away on 18 December, 2019 at the age of 90 years.

**Shri Chunni Lal Bhau Thakur** was a member of 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing Bhandara Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra. He was also a member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from 1990 to 1995.

Shri Chunni Lal Bhau Thakur passed away on 31 December, 2019 at the age of 72 years.

**Shri P.H. Pandian** was a member of 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha representing Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

Earlier, Shri Pandian was also a member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for four terms and served as Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

Shri Pandian was a member of the Panel of Chairpersons during 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.

Shri P.H. Pandian passed away on 4 January, 2020 at the age of 74 years.

**Shri Kamal Singh** was a member of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lok Sabhas representing Shahabad North West and Buxar Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar.

Shri Kamal Singh passed away on 5 January, 2020 at the age of 93 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of our former colleagues. I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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## **SUBMISSION BY MEMBERS**

(i) *Re: Locust menace in Rajasthan.*

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)** *responding to the issue raised by several Members, said:* The Government of India has constituted a team for it. The team would soon examine the facts and the Government of India will definitely pay compensation to the farmers to the extent it can.

(ii) *Re: Alarming situation arising out of outbreak of Corona virus throughout the country, especially in Kerala.*

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)** *responding to the issue raised by several Members, said:* I shall communicate the sentiments expressed by the Members to the Minister concerned but at the same time, I would like to place on record that the Government is seized with this matter in all seriousness.

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**\*MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

1. **SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE** laid a statement regarding need to establish one more Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Chamorshi Tehsil, Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra.
2. **SHRI AJAY NISHAD** laid a statement regarding need to repair Muzaffarpur-Janakpur road and construct a bridge on river Bagmati in Bihar.
3. **SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB** laid a statement regarding setting up of a satellite centre of AIIMS at Sambalpur in Odisha.
4. **SHRI MANOJ KOTAK** laid a statement regarding problems faced by Divyang commuters in Mumbai local trains.
5. **SHRI P. C. GADDIGOUDAR** laid a statement regarding granting of UNESCO tag to Aihole and Badami temples in Karnataka.
6. **SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM** laid a statement regarding need to construct a bridge over Sone River between Srinagar (Jharkhand) and Paduka (Bihar).
7. **DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding inclusion of Deoghar in Amritsar-Delhi-Kolkata Industrial Corridor.
8. **SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT** laid a statement regarding need to ensure compliance of guidelines of District Development Coordination and

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\* Laid on the Table as directed by Chair.

Monitoring Committee (DISHA) by district authorities particularly in Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh.

9. **SHRI DEVAJI PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to provide toll free number to farmers for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
10. **SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to ensure timely completion of North Koel Reservoir Project in Bihar and Jharkhand.
11. **SHRI KHAGEN MURMU** laid a statement regarding need to implement Ayushman Bharat Yojana in West Bengal.
12. **SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY** laid a statement regarding need to provide a Sleeper Class and Chair Car Coach in Train No. 12571/12572 (Anand Vihar-Gorakhpur Humsafar Express).
13. **DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA** laid a statement regarding railway connectivity in Etawah Parliamentary Constituency.
14. **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA** laid a statement regarding need to start additional railway service between Jammu and Chandigarh.
15. **SHRI ANTO ANTONY** laid a statement regarding Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019.
16. **SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH** laid a statement regarding problems faced by residents of Munroe Islands in Kerala.
17. **SHRI A. RAJA** laid a statement regarding land rights issue of cultivators in Gudalur and Pandalur Talukas of Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu.

18. **SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR** laid a statement regarding need to construct a new school building for Kendriya Vidyalaya at Tarakeswar in Arambagh Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.
  19. **SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE** laid a statement regarding need to enhance the pension of EPF Pensioners.
  20. **SHRI MAHABALI SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to construct an underpass (subway) at pillar no. 610/19A on railway line in Kaimur district, Bihar.
  21. **SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU** laid a statement regarding need to reconsider decision to exclude Watershed projects from Central Assistance.
  22. **SHRI MALOOK NAGAR** laid a statement regarding need to enhance the sugarcane price.
  23. **SHRI K. NAVASKANI** laid a statement regarding claims of crop insurance by farmers in Ramanathapuram Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.
  24. **SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS** laid a statement regarding alleged arbitrary usage of Section 144 in Andhra Pradesh.
  25. **SHRI K. SUBBARAYAN** laid a statement regarding need for national level policy for home based workers in the country.
  26. **SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding condition of National Highway 744 connecting Kollam and Kottavasal in Kerala.
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## **MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS-Contd.**

**SHRI DILIP GHOSH:** Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the country is making progress on all fronts including on economic, industrial, educational as well as medical ones. Affording citizenship in India to those having been displaced from Bangladesh and Pakistan in pursuit of securing dignity of their mothers, sisters and of course, the religion, they profess, is indeed a laudable step in the right direction. In fact, this nation was obliged to provide citizenship to these people who have for long been the victims of persecution. However, sadly, certain sections of people are not happy with this development. Those who tend to teach us lessons of democracy must wake up to the fact that as many as two crore thirty lakh people of Bengal have voted for us, yet we are not allowed to organise any program or hold any meeting over there. A censure motion is moved in the Vidhan Sabha over the law made as per the Constitution. It is patent violation of the Constitution. It must be condemned.

**SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:** For the last six years our TRS led Government has been in the State of Telengana. Our leader has rolled out a slew of programmes in the newly formed State aimed at actualising the vision of Gram Swaraj. Pucca buildings have been constructed in the cremation grounds in each and every village, each of the Panchayats has been provided with a tractor and has been equipped with a nursery. Old bore-wells have been closed. Every household located in the villages have been facilitated with water supply through the mission



called "Mission Bhagirath" during the last four years. The Government has pegged the target of Indian economy at 5 trillion dollar by the year 2024 which essentially calls for a growth in the region of 15 to 16 per cent. It remains to be seen as to which extent the Union Government extends requisite assistance to the States. Our leader has launched "Rayatu Bandhu Scheme" entailing the payment of Rs. 10,000 per acre to the beneficiaries engaged in agriculture sector. The whole quantum of paddy being produced is being procured by the State. We badly need Central assistance on this count. Not just that, the fact remains that the quantum of funds required for aspirational districts is also not being released. An assurance had been given that whatever shortfall shall arise in terms of one nation one tax shall well be recouped by the Central Government while the situation on the ground is quite otherwise. Alongside, gross injustice is being meted out to the states located in South India and those in the East India in the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. I would like to urge upon the Government to be a little bit considerate about this Commission. I would also like to urge upon the Government to resolve the issues pending since the re-organization of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ' LALAN':** The President's Address is infact an account of the works undertaken by the government during the previous year and also delineates the proposed works in the coming years. This year's President's Address mentions the all round development works undertaken by the government. The Government has taken effective measures in various fields such

as with regard to drinking water, JJ clusters and roads and it has achieved sterling performance in these fields. Ours is a federal structure. This country is made up of several States and we cannot imagine a developed country unless we make all out efforts for the development of various States. The Rangrajan Committee has identified the backward States which include Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand. There is need to concentrate on these States for their development. Bihar should get a special package. *Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Viswas* is the corner stone of this Government. In the year 1931, caste based census was undertaken in the country, thereafter caste based census has not been done. In fact, it must be done to ascertain the actual condition because several groups are making claims on the basis of their caste. Knowing the actual condition will help the Government in formulating policy. The Mandal Commission also accepted the 1931 census as the basis. Demands for reservation are frequently made. After the last winter session of the Parliament, the atmosphere in the country has deteriorated and misinformation is being spread about the CAA. Till now, nobody has come forward to say that which section or point of the CAA is to be opposed because there is nothing as such in that Act. However, the harmony in the country is being put at stake on the basis of CAA. Unity and integrity of the country should not be played with. Today, it is the need of the hour that we should win the trust of the Kashmiris and it will be possible only when we carry out development activities there at a large scale. A historic agreement has been signed among Mizoram,

Tripura and the Union Government for the people of the Bruh tribe. This was a decades old problem. I congratulate the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Minister of Home Affairs for resolving this long pending issue. People are alarmingly concerned about climate change. In Bihar, our hon. Chief Minister has launched the *Jal Jeevan Haryali* Programme because we cannot control the climate change unless we create greenery.

**DR. SHASHI THAROOR:** The annual Address by the hon. President has delineated accomplishments of the Government of the day and it also serves as a report card on the works that has been achieved in the previous year. What do we expect from any Government? It is security, development, conditions to promote growth and the well-being of the people and to fulfil the aspirations of young society. But this Address was soaring rhetoric and completely divorced from the abject reality of our country's social and economic situation. A concerted effort has been made to mask the failures of the much-advertised flagship schemes of the present Government. The Address failed to even speak of the constitutional and political crisis that our country is facing in the face of nationwide protests. There was no mention of our alarming and a shameful fall in the Democracy Index, Global Competitiveness Index, Peace Index and even in the Press Freedom Index. There was no acknowledgement of the 27 protesters killed by the police. In these last few months, under this Government, we have witnessed a fundamental assault on democratic, secular and constitutional fabric of India. In 1947, we had a

partition of the Indian soil. In 2020, this Government is giving us a partition of the Indian soul. We are facing an existential threat to the future of our democracy. What we want in India is unity, they want uniformity. Our new India must derive its support and strength from all sections of our diverse society. What we need is an India whose progress takes place in an open society, has democratic pluralism and is determined to liberate and fulfil the creative energies of its people. The President's Address sadly fails to live up to these national aspirations and therefore, I regret that we must reject this Motion of Thanks.

**DR. SATYA PAL SINGH:** I thank the Hon. President for his Address to both the Houses. He said that the mandate of the people is sacrosanct in democracy. The people of the country have given their mandate to the incumbent Government for a new India. Mahatma Gandhi ji also dreamt of 'Ram Rajya' in Independent India. India is a land of Rishis. When America and Europe were far from civilization, Indian civilization was quite developed. I thank the Hon. President for he reminded us that we should take pride in our ancient culture. We need to adapt our ancient knowledge to the present times. The learned people accept the good after its test. Today, people are facing a lot of stress. Crime, especially against the women, is on the rise. Mere enacting the laws cannot help but we need to inculcate moral values in our children. Disharmony in the name of religion and casteism is also rising. There is politics and violence in the country in the name of CAA. Fortunately for the country, we have a Prime Minister who

wants to rid crores of people of the country from poverty, crime, terrorism, casteism and communalism. H.E. the President expressed confidence that we will take inspiration from our glorious past to make an all out effort to create a bright future for the country. I appeal to all the hon. Members to work together in the interest of the country.

**SHRI AKHILESH YADAV:** First of all, I thank H.E. the President for his Address to both the Houses. Swami Vivekanand had observed that the tearing need of the oriental part of the world is not that of religion but of food. It is an insult to the starving people to give them religious sermons. The Address mentions of Mahatma Gandhi, but, today nobody follows his teachings. He has even referred to Lohiya Ji, but his philosophy is also not followed. The Government has given a slogan – Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas, but none of the three is happening. The Government should undertake caste-based census. The Samajwadi Government in Uttar Pradesh had constructed the best of its kind expressway. I want to know as to why this Government could not make it happen in other parts of the country. The developmental works initiated by the then U.P. Government have also been stalled. The erstwhile U.P. Government had constructed a beautiful river front of the Gomati in Lucknow. There is no mention of the Ganga river in the Address. The Government should tell the House by when the Ganga, the Yamuna and other rivers will be cleaned.

**SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI:** The President's Address counts abrogation of Special Status of Jammu and Kashmir as one of the achievements of the Government. But, I maintain that abrogation of Special Status of the State, abrogation of Article 370 and division of Jammu and Kashmir is a historical blunder. The decision of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 not only makes an assault on the fundamental values but also amounts to unilateral breach of the commitments made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. What have we achieved? The Kashmir dispute continues to be there to stare you on your face. The militancy has reached new levels. Every day the incidents of militancy are growing. Hence, my appeal would be to please acknowledge that it is unconstitutional, it is unilateral and it is breach of commitments. So, please undo what you have done on 5<sup>th</sup> August last year because the Government has not achieved anything. Rather it has widened the gap between the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the people of Ladakh.

**SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:** Hon. Prime Minister has been endowed with an opportunity to lead an accountable and transparent Government by the great people of the country. Today, it is needless to say that the Government has constantly been serving the people of the country with the slogan of 'Sab Ka Sath, Sab Ka Vikas'. I would like to submit that India can become a Vishwaguru only when all the states are made prosperous. Bihar is a backward State which is urgently required to be placed on the growth trajectory. Hence, I would like to

urge the Government to accord the Special Status to the state of Bihar. There are a number of places in Bihar which have huge potential for tourism. Hence, appropriate steps should be taken to promote tourism in Bihar. I hail from Sitamarhi where the Goddess Sita was born. I would like to request the Government of India to bring this place into tourism sector and Sitamarhi should also be included in the list of places identified for constructing 100 new airports so that the tourists coming from the country and abroad may avail of the facilities.

**\*DR. THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN:**

**SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:** The President's Address serves to be the guiding principles for the Government. Now the Government is saying that it does not intend to implement the NRC whereas the same has clearly been mentioned in the President's Address of the month of June. The Treasury Bench claims that the Citizenship Amendment Act does not seek to usurp the citizenship, but in its bid to prepare the NRC in Assam the names of 19 lakh people were dropped from the list of Citizenship. The Government is harassing the Indian citizens in the name of NRC. They are terming the Bodo Accord recently signed as a historic one. We want that around 70 per cent non-Bodo communities living in that area should also be provided all the facilities including land rights along with the development of the Bodo community. An AIIMS should be set up in Assam at the earliest and a bio-refinery should also be set up in Numaligarh. We also want that a judicial

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\* Please see Supplement

enquiry should be conducted in the incident of killing of five youths. Moreover, a member of each of their families should be provided Government job along with an amount of compensation.

**SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHOUHAN:** The villages of India are developing today. For the first time in the seventy years Gram Panchayats have been provided funds directly and 900 crore Rupees have been provided for the development of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Houses have been constructed for 2 crore poor people. Today, more than 10 crore farmers have received soil health cards. More than 8 crore farmers have been provided assistance of Rs. 3,073 crore under 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana'. Rajasthan is facing a huge problem of locust attack. I would like to request the Government to give directions to Rajasthan Government to give compensation to the farmers there. For the first time ever a green corridor is to be constructed which will connect four states. Water contaminated with chemicals flowing from Punjab is causing cancer in Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana. I thank the hon. Prime Minister on behalf of my constituency and Rajasthan for sanctioning 15 medical colleges in Rajasthan including 2 in Ganganagar and Hanumangarh. I would request the Government to ensure that Ayushman Bharat Scheme is implemented in Rajasthan.

**DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:** In his Address, the hon. President has not mentioned about Telangana, a State which is developing and which has come up with so many welfare and developmental schemes. I really appreciate the hon.



Prime Minister also. When he had come to my State of Telangana, he appreciated both the projects 'Mission Bhagiratha' and 'Rythu Bandhu' and he is trying to implement them at the Centre. The Green cover has gone up to 33 per cent from 24 per cent in Telangana. In spite of this, our share of taxes was cut short by 12 per cent. Not only the people of Telangana, all the Indians have to be proud of all the schemes which are being taken up in Telangana. We have become a role model for the country.

**SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:** A resolution has been moved against India in the European Parliament. Japan and America have voted in favour of Pakistan on FATF. Now Pakistan will be removed from the grey list under FATF. Taliban is making a comeback in Afghanistan. America is saying that India cannot build a port at Chabahar port. All these are failures of your foreign policy. Haj subsidy was rolled back and Rs.700 crores were saved. Where has that money gone? Every year, I demand scholarships for the minorities in the absence of which lakhs of Muslims girls and boys remain deprived of scholarships. For the first time in the history of this Parliament, a law called Citizenship Amendment Act has been passed which is based on religion. Whether NPR and NRC are not two sides of the same coin?

**SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN:** First of all, I would like to say that the President's Address to the Joint Session of the Parliament's is deeply disappointing and most of the observations of the hon. President is contrary to the

facts and ground realities. After 70 years of independence, the country has never experienced such an economic recession or an economic slowdown. But if you go through the President's Speech, there is not even a single observation about the financial crisis being faced by the country. It is quite unfortunate. Unfortunately, the programmes and policies of the NDA Government are also against the will and dreams of our late National Leaders. The programmes and policies of this Government are anti-people, anti-labour and anti-secular. The secular fabric of the country and the democratic character of the country is under big threat. Most of the people are now in the streets, fighting for preserving the Constitutional Principles. Further, the Government claims that all laws are passed keeping the natural interest paramount. But during the first Session of the 17th Lok Sabha, in 36 days of the Session, 35 major legislations have been passed without complying the procedural formalities, Constitutional provisions, precedence and conventions, and even without having a close scrutiny by the Parliamentary Standing Committee. It is not the quantity or the number of legislations which is important, but the quality of legislations is paramount. With regard to the CAA, we are objecting to the CAA and NRC because the basic principle is India having a secular Constitution and, therefore, religion shall not be a criterion for giving or providing citizenship and religion shall not be criterion for denying citizenship. That is our basic political opposition because India is a secular country. So, we take a pledge and we say that we would fight against the anti-people, anti-secular,

and anti-democratic programmes and policies of the Government till the last breath.

**\*SHRI RAKESH SINGH:**

**\*SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

**\*SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:**

**\*SHRI NAYAB SINGH SAINI:**

**\*DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:**

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**\*SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

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**\*SHRIMATI GITABEN V. RATHVA:**

**\*SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:**

**\*DR VIRENDRA KUMAR:**

**\*SHRI S.R. PARTHIPAN**

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\* Please see supplement.

**\*DR. D. RAVIKUMAR:**

**SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:** I would like to express my gratitude towards hon. Prime Minister that he has converted "Look East" policy into "Act East" policy meant for North-Eastern States including Assam by implementing the principles of social harmony and Antyodaya. During the last five years a peaceful environment is being created across the North-Eastern States. Similarly, development works are also being undertaken rapidly. With regard to Bodo accord, I would like to say that today Bodo community has adopted the path of peace and tranquility. This will bring prosperity among the people of Bodo land. A package to the tune of 1.5 crore rupees has also been provided for Bodo land. Similarly, Bru accord has also been signed in the North-Eastern States through which social security has been provided to Bru tribals of Tripura. Apart from that, a good news is about to come with regard to Naga peace dialogue. The Government of India has also taken steps for the welfare of scheduled caste and scheduled tribes. As far as NRC is concerned, I would like to say that this will strengthen the country because NRC will help in identifying the infiltrators so that they may be deported back to their country. Similarly, we are supporting the Citizenship Amendment Act also. This Act is not only for Assam but for the whole India. So, I would request you all to make endeavour for taking the developmental work forward in North-Eastern States.

**KUNWAR DANISH ALI:** The name of Mahatma Gandhi was quoted many a times in the President's Address. The Government has brought CAA by mentioning that it has fulfilled the Mahatma wishes by bringing this law. Whereas I am of the opinion that this Act is against the basic structure and the preamble of Indian Constitution. With regard to the ongoing Jamia protest, I would like to say that the foundation stone of Jamia University was laid during the Khilafat movement and Non-Cooperation Movement. We all know that this government want that the students of this country cannot complete their education. That is why problems are being created in Jamia, JNU, AMU and other educational institutions. In this country, NPR is likely to be implemented and people are being asked about their date of birth and the birth place of their father. I feel very sorry for the people of deprived community who are being questioned. I would like to say that when this country was being divided, we choose this nation. Our ancestors has preferred to live in a secular country having a composite culture. So, one cannot question their sense of patriotism.

**\*SHRI K. NAVASKANI:**

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**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA**  
*Secretary General*

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