लिया कीजिए कि अति आधुनिक किस्म के लोग अगर हमारी सारी संस्कृति और सभ्यता को तोड़ने के लिए फैसले देने लगेंगे तो हमारी संस्कृति का क्या होगा? इसलिए इनके बैकग्राउंड को देखकर ही इनका appointment किया कीजिए। मेरी आपसे अपील है कि गवर्नमेंट इस फैसले के खिलाफ सुप्रीम कोर्ट में अपील करे, वहां जाए और इस जजमेंट को रिपील कराने की कोशिश करे। धन्यवाद।

श्री नन्द किशोर यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश)ः उपसभापति जी, मैं इस विषय के साथ अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्री कमाल अख्तर (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति जी, मैं इस विषय के साथ अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

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श्री राम नारायण साहू (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति जी, मैं इस विषय के साथ अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

SHRI M. RAMA JOIS (Karnataka): Sir, all men are animals in biology but now it is worse than animals; even animals won't do it.

## Flood situation in Assam

KUMAR DEEPAK DAS (Assam): Sir, I wish to draw the attention of this House and the Government to the sufferings of more than two lakhs of people of Dhakuakhana as well as of Dhemaji and North Lakhimpur due to floods. Sir, this flood has occurred due to a breach in the Matmora Dyke which has been under construction. A Malaysian company, FASKAMORE, engaged in the construction of Matmora Dyke, which is the lifeline of the people of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji, has not been executing the project properly. The half-done dyke was washed away by the mighty Brahmaputra river on 30th June, 2009. It is learnt that the D.C., Lakhimpur is going to file an F.I.R. against the company for this type of criminal negligence towards a very important project.

This is a project of about Rs.142 crores for only 6 km. of embankment. The per kilometre cost of the dyke or embankment is Rs.24 crores approximately. The materials used, for the first time in India, is the geo-textile tube. The efficiency of the material *i.e.* the geotextile tube, used in this project is yet to be established in the Brahmaputra river system. It is felt that the Government of India and the Government of Assam, with the help of some technical persons, are playing with the lives of the poor people of the two districts where hundreds of villagers are now on their rooftops due to large scale inundation from the Brahmaputra river due to the failure of the dyke.

My submission before the hon. House is that the Government of India should immediately constitute an expert committee to visit the site and establish the fact of such large scale devastation and it should also establish the efficiency of the material used in such a project. It should be done immediately as the flood season is on. It is a matter of great concern that more than two lakh people of Dhakuakhana as well as of Dhemaji and North Lakhimpur district have

been affected by this devastating flood which has occurred due to a breach in the Matmora dyke. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to come forward with a special package of assistance to the people of the State of Assam and to provide all possible help to the flood-hit people for their rehabilitation and for the protection of their properties as well as the livestock. The Government should also institute a high level inquiry into the process of sanction and the approval of the construction of the Matmora dyke with the geo-textile tube.

SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA (Assam): Sir, I associate myself with what the hon. Member has mentioned.

SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member has mentioned.

## Derogatory remarks made against Mahatma Gandhi by Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

श्री बृजभूषण तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापित महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश की मुख्यमंत्री द्वारा राष्ट्रिपिता महात्मा गांधी के विरुद्ध अभद्र एवं अपमानजनक टिप्पणी की गई है, जो देश भर के समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित है और सभी समाचार चैनलों पर भी दिखाया गया है। जिसके कारण देश के करोड़ों लोगों की भावना आहत हुई है। महात्मा गांधी को राष्ट्रिपिता माना गया है और वे राष्ट्रीय एकता, सत्य, अहिंसा, सार्वजनिक जीवन में शुचिता और अपरिग्रह के प्रतीक रहे हैं। उनका अपमान राष्ट्र का अपमान है। यह अति दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण है कि सभी सांप्रदायिक, जातिवादी, विघटनकारी तथा भ्रष्टाचारी शक्तियां लगातार गांधी को छोटा और अपमानित करने में लगी हैं। यह वृत्ति बहुत ही घातक है और इसे रोकना जरूरी है। इसलिए मैं सदन से यह अपील करुंगा कि उनकी निंदा करे और इस प्रकार की प्रवृत्ति को रोकने की तरफ कदम उठाए।

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DR. K. KESHAVA RAO (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with it.

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK (Goa): Sir, I also associate myself with it.

## High sugar prices and shortage of sugar in the country

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the problem of heavy shortage of sugar and high prices of sugar prevailing in the country. Sir, as far as sugar production is concerned, it is a matter of great concern to the people of India as the production of sugar is going down sharply. It is a known fact that sugar is a very important commodity for everyone. It is important for us to know as to how the production of sugar is going down year after year. In the year 2007-08, the total production of sugar was about 28 million tonnes. In the year 2008-09, the production of sugar had fallen down to 16 million tonnes. It shows that in one year the production of sugar had gone down almost by 50