

benefits to the producers, like, the ONGC and others, are first announced with much fanfare and, then, are not honoured by the Government. The Government has, in this Budget, announced a tax holiday on natural gas. But does it even know that this benefit has been existing for the last several years, in fact, ever since the NELP was announced? How will the investor be attracted to a country which is so uncertain and unsure about the tax regime, it has in place, where tax benefits are introduced one year and then withdrawn, in some cases, retrospectively? I urge upon the Finance Minister to take steps to ensure investors that the tax holiday, promised this year, will not be withdrawn next year when the companies have already made investments and are ready to actually avail the promised benefits. Pronouncements and commitments, made by the Government, need to be followed in letter and spirit, and, also, before the Government makes them, it should have a clear intent of following them.

Demand to take steps to resolve problems of naxalism in the country

श्री राजनीति प्रसाद (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, हिन्दुस्तान में 60 जिले हैं, उनमें 152 नक्सली समस्या से प्रभावित हैं। अब यह आंकड़ा 180 हो गया है। अभी हाल ही में जो रिपोर्ट छपी है, उसमें 2006 में 1509, 2007 में 1591 और 2009 में अब तक 1128 नक्सली घटनाएं घटी हैं। नक्सली अमीर नहीं होते, वे दलित और आदिवासी लोग ही होते हैं और उनकी आवाज नहीं सुनी जाती है। वे बंदूक उठा लेते हैं और सोचते हैं कि यही एक रास्ता है।

इसका कोई उपाय निकलना चाहिए। ये लोग कोई विदेशी दुश्मन नहीं हैं। ये हमारे लोग हैं, भारतीय हैं। इनके मन में आतंक की बात जानी चाहिए। आदिवासी लोग अभी भी आदिवासी हैं और दलित अभी भी दलित हैं। उनके पास न पैसे हैं, न अन्य सुविधाएं हैं और वे समाज से कटे हुए हैं। आप उनको जितना दबाएंगे, वे उतना ही आगे बढ़ेंगे। उनके मन में सिर्फ मरने की तमन्ना है, यही वे सोचकर इस अभियान में आते हैं। जिस गांव में नक्सली हमलाह होता है, उस गांव में जाकर देखें कि वहां क्या फटेहाल जिंदगी है। उनके गांव और इलाके में केवल पुलिस और अर्द्धसैनिक बल के लोग ही पहुंचते हैं। जीने के लिए उनके पास कुछ है ही नहीं। उनका लक्ष्य आम लोग नहीं होते वे केवल पुलिस और अर्द्धसुरक्षा बल पर ही अटक करते हैं। वे सामने से लड़ नहीं सकते, अतः गुरिल्ला युद्ध करते हैं।

मैं सरकार से आग्रह करता हूँ कि इस समस्या का समाधान निकालने के लिए ठोस पहल करें।

श्री समन पाठक (पश्चिमी बंगाल) : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं स्वयं को इससे संबद्ध करता हूँ।

Demand to take steps to protect the world heritage site of Hampi from vandalism

SHRI M. RAMA JOIS (Karnataka) : Sir, Hampi in Karnataka State was the capital of Vijayanagar empire, which flourished for a little more than two centuries during 1336 A.D. to 1565 A.D. It is recorded in Advance History of India at pages 366-367 that Hampi was the best and the largest city recorded in history. Notwithstanding the ending of the Vijayanagar empire, Hampi continues to be a place of great historical and archaeological treasure. It has been recognised as World heritage site by the UNESCO. It is one of the most important tourist centres in Karnataka State. At the same time, it has also become a place for exploitation by miscreants who indulge in unauthorisedly excavating this archaeological site for committing theft of articles embedded in the earth. Despite warnings issued by the UNESCO against vandalising in this place, it is going on unabated according to a report published in English daily from Bangalore in its issue dated 10 July, 2009. This Special Mention is

being made with the object of inviting the attention of the Central Government to the happenings going on at Hampi in order to activate it to take steps for protecting and preserving the most important archaeological wealth of the Nation.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): No, no; it is not permitted. You can only read the approved texts. That is a rule. You cannot deviate from that.

SHRI M. RAMA JOIS: It is all right, Sir. ..(Interruptions) ..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): No, no. It will not go on the record.

SHRI M. RAMA JOIS: Sir, I am not saying anything on the topic. I wish that there should be quorum at the time of Special Mention.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): Shri Ganga Charan, not there; Shri Tarlochan Singh; not there. Those who have given Special Mentions are also not here, then what can I do? Now, Shri Tarini Kanta Roy.

Demand for regular flights to and from Cooch Bihar airport

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I rise to draw the attention of the Ministry of Civil Aviation to replies of Unstarred Question No. 1882, dated 18.03.2008, wherein it was stated that "The airport of Cooch Bihar has been declared operational for VFR flights for aircraft up to ATR-42. Thereafter, neither a single flight has landed nor took off from Cooch Bihar Airport though more than one year has passed. Incidentally, it may please be pointed out that the Union Government has already spent Rs.20 crores for renewal of runway and construction of the boundary wall. The Government of West Bengal has incurred an expenditure of Rs.11, 30,00,000 in 2006-07 for acquiring land and other civil works. The airport needs to be fully operational. The people of Cooch Bihar, Dooars, Jalpaiguri, Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and part of Meghalaya will be benefited as this will open a new door of communication. I urge upon the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, to take early action, so that the Cooch Bihar Airport may be made fully and commercially operational.

SHRI MATILAL SARKAR (Tripura): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD (Bihar): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

Demand to set up an astrophysical institute at Patna in Bihar in memory of Aryabhatta

DR. C.P. THAKUR (Bihar): On 22nd July, 2009, *i.e.*, today, a total solar eclipse occurred which was best visible near Patna and better from Taregna near Patna, a place from where Aryabhata used to study the stars. There is another Taregna which is situated in the west of this Taregna and he himself lived at Khagol, his name is also derived from Khagol. If these three places are joined, it forms an equilateral triangle. He first said that the Earth moves around the Sun. To commemorate the