

Nurses in Batra Hospital, which is a multi-speciality hospital, have been on strike for about a week now. The management is not prepared to listen to their genuine grievances. Consequently, patients are also suffering. The Union Government has a responsibility in the matter.

I urge upon the Minister of Health and Family Welfare to intervene immediately to resolve the strike and mitigate the grievances of the striking nurses.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with what the hon. Member has mentioned.

Mass graves found in Kashmir Valley

SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI (Jammu and Kashmir): Sir, International People's Tribunal on Human Rights in its report titled 'Buried Evidence' made public on 2nd December, 2009 in Srinagar, has stated that 2700 graves have been detected in the northern districts of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora in Kashmir Valley burying around 3000 persons. The said report has, besides giving details about parents of disappeared persons, also shown pictures of these graves. During the press conference, the authors of the report stated that during the last 20 years thousands of young men disappeared and thousands have been killed in fake encounters. This issue has been agitating the minds of general public, causing alienation and discontent. Till date no response has come from the Union of India about this serious issue. This is causing a lot of resentment among the public and image of the country is likely to suffer damage in the international community. As such, an urgent response in this matter from the Government of India is prayed for.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for one hour.

The House then adjourned for lunch at fifty-one minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at fifty-four minutes past one of the clock, MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2009

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Prakash Javadekar to continue on the Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2009. Your party is left with 25 minutes.

श्री प्रकाश जावडेकर (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति महोदय, जिस तरह से कल मैंने शुरू किया, मैं उसका संक्षेप में उल्लेख करूंगा कि हम वित्तीय व्यवस्थापन, financial management of the country की चर्चा कर रहे थे कि यह कैसे चल रहा है, जहां वित्तीय घाटा 6.8 है और खुद वित्त मंत्री जी ने कल पूरक मांगे रखते समय कहा कि 6.8 का घाटा रहेगा। मैं आज भी चुनौती देता हूं कि यह घाटा आठ परसेंट से कम नहीं होगा। un-budgeted खर्च और बढ़ेंगे और वह दो परसेंट बोझ और बढ़ेगा। जो स्टेट का घाटा है, वह अगर पकड़ेंगे, तो लगभग वित्तीय घाटा 14 परसेंट का हो जाता है।