

SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Sir, thank you very much for saying that the Constitution respects all the religions and no critical references can be made. But, unfortunately, in Mr. Yadav's statement, this very sentiment of the Constitution has been ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What he said is his personal view. If it denigrates ...(Interruptions)... I already said this. ...(Interruptions)... Punjji, I have already said that it is his personal view. However, if it denigrates any religion, it will be looked into again and corrected. I have said that.

DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I am absolutely with you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You know all the rules.

DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Sir, I am hundred per cent with you on your opinion. The entire House is with you. ...(Interruptions)...

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DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Sir, I am only raising an issue on technical grounds. We are asked to give our Special Mention in writing. Every Member has the right to give it in writing. This Special Mention must have been seen by the people concerned in the Table Office or wherever it is. I am not going to name anybody. I am saying this for future. Any Special Mention, which is admitted, or, any matter, which is admitted in the House, should be in consonance with the spirit of the Constitution. That is the only thing I am saying for future.

Demand to consider alternative methods for interlinking of rivers in the country

SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Hon. Deputy Chairman, Sir, linking of rivers for transfer of water from surplus to deficit basins and mitigating flood damage in surplus basin was considered feasible in 1970s. But, afterwards, some people declared this project as mission impossible. However, there is a way out to make this project feasible as follows. Firstly, all canal links not having tunnel works can be executed for inland water navigation for sea-going vessels up to 3000 MT. This can be achieved through diversion barrages across rivers with water storage up to possible maximum flood level. Link canals should be wide and deep. This does not involve submergence of villages. Such thing was done in the US, Russia and now in China. Secondly, canals can be converted for carrying large quantities of water from surplus to deficit basins. Thirdly, land

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