

**Re. ZUBIN MEHTA'S CONCERT IN SRINAGAR**

SHRI TARUN VIJAY (Uttarakhand): Sir...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. What is the matter?

SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Sir, this is a very important matter.

I rise to convey my appreciation for the Zubin Mehta concert held in Kashmir.

Sir, it is a proud moment for India and for all those who believe in peace. We appreciate Zubin Mehta's Srinagar concert, which symbolizes victory of peace, universal values of humanity and tolerance over demonic elements at a time when extremism and hatred is bleeding the world. Zubin has emerged as the best disciple of Buddha and a great India. Salutes to the real and genuine *Bharat Ratna*.

Sir, Zubin Mehta has been my childhood idol, who weaves a musical fabric of harmony and gives hope for a better planet. Even birds and stones get inspired with his flow of immortal musical notes. His presence in Jammu and Kashmir is historic, heralding a new dawn, creating a brave new world. He should be given the *Bharat Ratna*.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. Thank you.

SHRI TARUN VIJAY: We salute him and convey our appreciation. I think, the entire House would join me in conveying our appreciation for him.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. It is a good thing that you have raised. But why did you intervene and say it? I would have allowed you. Anyhow, it is good.

SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Sir, has it gone on record?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is on record. Who told you it is not so? Now, Shri Naresh Gujral.

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**GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**#The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2013 - Contd.**

**#SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION**

**Abnormal rise in the prices of onions and other essential commodities - Contd.**

SHRI NARESH GUJRAL (Punjab): Sir, the outgoing Reserve Bank Governor, in his departure speech, said that he was witnessing the worst fiscal policies of his career.

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#Discussed together

[Shri Naresh Gujral]

Sir, this Government is playing havoc with our economy by subscribing to more and more populist policies with a view to garnering votes at the cost of our long-term growth and stability, which impacts our youth directly. Sir, six months ago, while presenting the Budget, the hon. Finance Minister was saying that we will grow at six-and-a-half per cent. Nobody was believing him then; all the signs were negative. Yet, he persisted and the entire Budget exercise was done keeping six-and-a-half per cent growth in view. And, obviously, today, when he is not able to raise money by way of taxes, he is standing before us asking for more money.

Sir, the fiscal deficit in the period April-July was Rs. 3.40 lakh crore or 63 per cent of the Budget Estimates. Last year, during the same period, it was only 51.5 per cent. And, going forward, this would only increase, because the hon. Minister had not taken into account that oil prices would rise to 110 dollars and not the 85-90 dollars that he had projected in his Budget Speech. I do not know how he is so optimistic about containing the fiscal deficit at 4.8 per cent of GDP. During the months of April-July, the revenue collections have slowed down to 16.7 per cent of the Budget Estimates as compared to 18 per cent last year.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: That is a very good point.

SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: However, the total expenditure during the first four months was 31.3 per cent of the Budget Estimates as against 29.3 per cent last year. Will the Finance Minister slash the Plan expenditure, as is being indicated by the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, or will he resort to greater window-dressing of the Budget, as was done last year, to contain the fiscal deficit. Sir, you would recall that last year, Rs.10,000 crores was slashed from the capital expenditure of the Defence. This was according to the Revised Budget. As a Member of the Defence Committee, I was absolutely horrified when I discovered that HAL had made deliveries to the Government of India to the tune of Rs.4,000 crores, but that money was concealed in the balance sheet of HAL. That means, it was shown as 'receivables', so that he could show better fiscal control. I am sure, other ordnance factories were made to do the same, apart from other PSUs.

May I point out that in the first quarter, the nominal GDP growth was only 10.2 per cent, which means that the economy must grow at 14 per cent for the next three quarters, if the Finance Minister's projections are to be met, a highly ambitious target, I daresay. Sir, the Government's fiscal policy is ensuring that it would continue to borrow more and more for wasteful expenditure on populist schemes, thereby pushing

our private sector borrowings which would impact the interest rates and that, as a result, will dampen the creation of jobs.

Similarly, when it comes to CAD, both, the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Finance Minister, keep on re-assuring the country that it will be contained at \$70 billion. I do not see as to how they can do that, given the fact that in the first five months, we have already touched \$70 billion. Meanwhile, the international oil prices are going beyond 110. So, I hope that the Finance Minister would explain to the House as to how he intends to control it. In any case, the way the Exchequer is being handled, I am certain that this Government will be bundled out in the next election, but the next Government will inherit a bankrupt treasury and will have a huge task of rebuilding the economy.

चौधरी मुनवर सलीम (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, मेरी एक रिक्वेस्ट है।... (व्यवधान)...

†चौधरी منور سليم : مائے اب سبھا پتی مہودے، میری ایک ریکویسٹ ہے۔

श्री उपसभापति : क्या रिक्वेस्ट है?

चौधरी मुनवर सलीम : सर, अपरिहार्य कारणों से मुझे जाना पड़ रहा है। मेरा एक स्पेशल मेशन है, जो मैं अभी सभा पटल पर ले करना चाहता हूँ।... (व्यवधान)...

††चौधरी منور سليم : سر، اپريارنے کارنوں سے مجھے جانا پڑ رہا ہے۔ میرا ایک اسپیشل میشن ہے، جو میں ابھی سبھا پٹل پر لے کرنا چاہتا ہوں۔... (مداخلت)...

श्री उपसभापति : अभी नहीं।... (व्यवधान)...

चौधरी मुनवर सलीम : सर, अमेरिका बर्बरियत के खिलाफ सीरिया के... (व्यवधान)...

†चौधरी منور سليم : سر، امریکی بربریت کے خلاف سیریا کے۔... (مداخلت)...

श्री उपसभापति : अभी नहीं।... (व्यवधान)...

चौधरी मुनवर सलीम : सर, आप प्लीम मेरा स्पेशल मेशन ले करा दीजिए।... (व्यवधान)...

††चौधरी منور سليم : سر، آپ پلیز میرا اسپیشل میشن لے کرا دیجئے۔... (مداخلت)...

श्री उपसभापति : अब मैं क्या करूँ?

चौधरी मुनवर सलीम : सर, मैं अपना स्पेशल मेशन ले करना चाहता हूँ।... (व्यवधान)...

†चौधरी منور سليم : سر، میں اپنا اسپیشل میشن لے کرنا چاہتا ہوں۔... (مداخلت)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Has the House any objection if he lays it now? No. Okay, you can lay it. His Special Mention is laid on the Table.

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**SPECIAL MENTIONS\***

**Demand for reviewing foreign policy of the country and improving relations with Iran and Syria**

**चौधरी मुनव्वर सलीम** (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, हम भारत के 125 करोड़ लोगों की चिंता सदन की मार्फत सरकार तक पहुंचाना चाहते हैं। हम बताना चाहते हैं कि वह परमाणु संधि, जिसमें भारतवर्ष के ज्यादातर राजनैतिक दलों सहित हम समाजवादियों ने भरपूर साथ दिया था, लेकिन उसके परिणाम कहीं दिखाई नहीं पड़ते। यह एकमात्र संयंत्र रावत भाटा में लगा है और दुष्परिणामों के अंदेश से हमारा कलेजा कांप जाता है।

महोदय, आज पूरी दुनिया में सीरिया पर अमेरिका की बर्बरता की चर्चा हो रही है। हम भी अपने रुपए की गिरती कीमत और तेल की बढ़ती कीमत से परेशान हैं, किंतु हम यह जानना चाहते हैं कि भारत सरकार की ईरान की तरफ दोस्ती का हाथ क्यों नहीं बढ़ाती? वह 1948 से हमारा मित्र है और ईरान से हमारा सांस्कृतिक रिश्ता भी सदियों पुराना है।

महोदय, जब हम भारत की असफल विदेशी नीति की तरफ देखते हैं तब हमें समाजवादी चिंतक डा. लोहिया की 1959 की भविष्यवाणी याद आती है, जो उन्होंने तिब्बत पर चीनी हमने का लेकर की थी और आखिरकार 1962 में हिंदी चीनी भाई-भाई का भ्रम टूट गया था। तब हिंदुस्तान को युद्ध का सामना करना पड़ा था। हम अब माननीय नेता जी को वे भविष्यवाणियां संसद में लगातार कर रहे हैं। मैं उनका जिक्र करते हुए यह कहना चाहता हूं कि आज भी अनेक प्रदेशों में चीनी घुसपैठ जारी है। चीन हमारी हजारों वर्ग किलोमीटर जमीन व कैलाश मान सरोवर जैसा पवित्र धार्मिक स्थल दबाए हुए है। हम फिर भी मोहब्बत का परवाना लेकर चीन जाते हैं मगर हमें चीन से अपेक्षित परिणाम नहीं मिलता है।

महोदय, इसी तरह बंगलादेश, जिसे भारतवासी अपने प्रयासों और कूटनीति की उत्पत्ति कहते हैं, उससे भी हमारे रिश्ते खराब हैं। पाकिस्तान को हम अमन का परवाना कहते हैं, लेकिन हमें पाकिस्तान की तरफ से अपेक्षित पैगाम नहीं मिलता है।

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\*Laid on the Table.