

महोदय, इसके साथ ही CRPF, BSF, ITBP, Army, असम राइफल्स एवं राष्ट्रीय राइफल्स तरह-तरह के आतंकवाद, सीमापार से गोलाबारी या नक्सली समस्याओं से जूझ रहे हैं। इन संगठनों के सिपाहियों को राशन से लेकर अन्य सुविधाएं भी सेना के सिपाहियों को मिल रही सुविधाओं के स्तर की नहीं मिलती हैं। यहां तक कि जब ट्रेन से विशेष पोस्टिंग पर इन्हें ट्रांसफर किया जाता है, तो रेलवे में परोसे जाने वाला खाना बहुत ही खराब स्तर का होता है।

महोदय, मेरा सरकार से अनुरोध है कि सभी सशस्त्र सेनाओं की सुविधाओं में शीघ्र समानता लाई जाए तथा मानसिक अवसाद से निपटने के लिए कदम उठाए जाएं।

**Need for installation of a statue of Rabindranath Tagore at
Jalianwala Bagh Memorial premises**

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir. After five days, I have got this opportunity. The Jalianwala Bagh Massacre in Punjab of 13th April, 1919, which took a toll of thousand innocent non-violent people, is a gruesome history of cold-blooded annihilation. The multifaceted maverick Rabindranath Tagore took no time in renouncing his Knighthood that had been conferred on him in 1915 to protest the extreme barbarism. In a very famous letter and in a very heart rending letter, Tagore wrote; — I cannot read the entire letter, but I am quoting a section of the letter — he categorically mentioned, “The time has come when badges of honour make our shame glaring in the incongruous context of humiliation, and I, for my part, wish to stand, shorn of all special distinctions, by the side of those of my countrymen, who, for their so-called insignificance, are liable to suffer degradation not fit for human beings.” Sir, it is most unfortunate that in the entire Jallianwala Bagh Memorial, this very man does not find a proper place of honour. Installation of a statue of Gurudeb, along with the proper and prominent display of the letter of renouncement of Knighthood, will be a mark of respect to the man who throughout his life has celebrated and championed the very idea of India, the only continuing civilization in the world. I am raising this demand at a time when some non-sensical demands are pitching for a ban on the eternal thoughts of Tagore. Sir, I feel deeply pained in telling this august House that this year the Assam Government has cancelled the holiday in schools and colleges on the birthday of Tagore which had been continuing in the State of Assam for long. Sir, both as a patriot and as a global citizen, Tagore has portrayed the idea of India in his innumerable writings in the 19,000 printed pages, which he had written throughout his life. I just quote, Sir, after the massacre, Tagore, when he was protesting the massacre, he said in a public meeting: which says “Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high; Where knowledge is free, where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls, where words come out from the depth of truth, where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection,

[Shri Ritabrata Banerjee]

where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit, where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action, into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.” I urge upon the Government to immediately install the statue of Tagore in the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial complex.

SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI T. K. S. ELANGO VAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI K. K. RAGESH (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI NEERAJ SEKHAR (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

श्री आलोक तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाये गये विषय से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री हरिवंश (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाये गये विषय से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

डा. अनिल कुमार साहनी (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाये गये विषय से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA (Tripura): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we all associate ourselves with the issue raised by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee.

Concern over distress sale by the cultivators in Jute Sector

श्री सुखेन्दु शेखर राय (पश्चिमी बंगाल): सर, इंडिया का जो जूट सेक्टर है ...(व्यवधान)... महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार का ध्यान इस ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान का जो जूट सेक्टर है, वह अभी बहुत ही खराब हो गया है। पिछले साल 13 लाख टन रॉ जूट का प्रोडक्शन हुआ था। यह प्रोडक्शन 5 लाख हेक्टेयर जमीन में हुआ था। लेकिन पटसन निगम, जोकि भारत सरकार की एक संस्था है, वह पिछले साल केवल 56,000 बेल ही खरीद कर पायी, जबकि बाजार में 90 लाख बेल मौजूद थे। इसके चलते हमारे जो किसान हैं, जो लोग जूट प्रोडक्शन में जुड़े हुए हैं, ये लोग ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री तपन कुमार सेन (पश्चिमी बंगाल): 4 लाख।

श्री सुखेन्दु शेखर राय: इससे भी ज्यादा हैं। इन लोगों को distress sale करनी पड़ी। उनको MSP के नीचे, 400 से 500 रुपये per quintal घटा कर बेचना पड़ा। जूट कॉरपोरेशन उन लोगों तक नहीं पहुँच पाया। इस साल भारतीय पटसन निगम ने मार्केट में अभी तक intervention नहीं किया है। इसके चलते जो MSP खाता में लिखा हुआ है, सरकारी नोटिस में लिखा हुआ है, वह MSP किसानों को नहीं मिल रहा है। इस साल भी उनको 700 से 800 रुपये per quintal घटा कर बेचना पड़ रहा है। हमारे किसानों का यह हाल है, जबकि 30 लाख फैमिलीज़ जूट प्रोडक्शन से जुड़ी हुई है। इसके अलावा, केंद्रीय सरकार ने जो जनविरोधी नीति अपनायी है, इस जनविरोधी नीति के चलते पिछले साल 62 जूट मिल्स में से 17 जूट मिल्स बन्द हो चुकी हैं, जिनमें से 7 जूट मिल्स हमेशा के लिए बन्द हो गयी हैं। उनमें से 3 सरकारी जूट मिल्स हैं — National,