

कुछ माननीय सदस्य: महोदय, माननीय सदस्य द्वारा सदन में उठाए गए विषय से हम भी अपने आपको संबद्ध करते हैं।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Prasanna Acharya.

Need to accord official recognition to the Paik Rebellion in Odisha in 1817

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (Odisha): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I am raising a subject relating to our great freedom struggle. As you know, Sir, the people of the country continued their freedom struggle against the Britishers for centuries together. It was for more than two centuries. In 1857, the Sepoy Mutiny took place, which we consider as the first rebellion against the Britishers. But, Sir, before forty years of the Sepoy Mutiny...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Therefore, it is not Sepoy Mutiny, it is the First War of Independence.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: I am coming to the First War of Independence. Before forty years of that, in the year 1817, there was a great armed revolution against the Britishers, against the British India Company in Paik *Vidroh*. Paik means the soldiers, and it lasted for more than two decades. Thousands of people were imprisoned; many were given life sentences; many freedom fighters were hanged. It was led by the great freedom fighter, Bakshi Jagbandhu, and the then Raja of Puri who was Pushed to Khurda Raja Mukund Dev. And the speciality of that struggle was that, Sir, cross-section of the people in the society took part in that struggle, the Hindus, the Muslims. One of the Muslim leaders of that armed struggle was, Mir Hyder Ali, who was a very important leader of that freedom struggle, and particularly, the tribal community of Odisha, who were called Kandhas, who participated in large numbers in that freedom struggle, and many of them were hanged after the struggle was suppressed by the Britishers.

Sir, recently, the Prime Minister, Shri Modiji, visited Odisha, and he honoured the progenies of the freedom fighters. And, Sir, the President elect, Shri Kovindji, when he was in Odisha in relation to his campaign, he garlanded the statue of Bakshi Jagabandhu. Recently, the Odisha Cabinet passed a unanimous resolution, requesting the Central Government to recognise it as the first struggle for freedom, and the Chief Minister of Odisha also requested the hon. Prime Minister to recognise this struggle as the First War of Independence in the historical struggle for freedom. Recently, the outgoing President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, on the 20th of this month, inaugurated a function in Vigyan Bhawan, and he categorically said that this Paik *Vidroh* sowed the seeds for the future

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freedom struggle of India, which culminated in the shape of the 1857 struggle. ...(*Time-bell rings*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your time is over. Time over. Please sit down. Shri D. Raja and Shri Naresh Agrawal can repeat their notices for tomorrow. आप कल रिपीट कीजिए। It is Question Hour time now.

(MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Support for SBM from NGOs and corporate sectors

*76. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is trying to seek support from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and some corporate sectors to achieve the goals of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the list of NGOs and corporate sectors which are extending their support to Government in achieving the goal of Swachh Bharat; and

(c) whether these NGOs and corporate sectors are carrying out the mission independently or in alliance with Government and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) As per Guidelines of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), Non Government Organisations (NGOs) have a catalytic role in the implementation of SBM (G) in the rural areas. They can be considered for active involvement in the Information Education and Communication activities including in triggering leading to demand generation and sustained use of the facilities, in Capacity building, and assistance in construction.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) {SBM (G)}, Guidelines have been issued to facilitate the utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in