

go through the system. If we are able to save some time, i will give. ...*(Interruptions)*... I have said that. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DEREK O'EBRIEN (West Bengal): Sir, 42 PSUs. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is not the way. ...*(Interruptions)*... No, no. This is not going on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... If you take this route, then I can't help it. ...*(Interruptions)*...

**Demand to mount an awareness campaign to contain drug abuse in the country and accelerate the implementation of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction**

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM (Meghalaya): Thank you, Sir, for permitting me to raise a crucial issue of rehabilitating a large number of persons who have become victims of drug abuse. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIDEREK O'EBRIEN: \*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Today is not the last day.

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Hailing from the North-East, I am aware of the extent and gravity of situation in which persons and, of late, the student community, are abusing psychotropic substances. ...*(Interruptions)*... Living close to international borders, the youth in the region, including school and college students, have easy access to sedatives and inhalants pushed by the drug mafia. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... You are all senior Members. ...*(Interruptions)*... You are aware of the Rules. ...*(Interruptions)*... You are not doing justice to the issue you are raising. ...*(Interruptions)*... It is not going on record.

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: At the impressionable age, they are hooked onto Cannabis and Opioids. This menace earlier confined to affluent sections of the society has now percolated to communities from the lower social rungs and the economically weaker sections. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति: प्लीज़। स्लोगन्स रिकॉर्ड में नहीं जाएंगे, both electronic and print. ...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing should be printed and nothing should be transmitted. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Fancy for drugs is accentuated by many social factors, affluence, misplaced sense of machismo and desperation of sorts. Mobile phones,

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\*Not recorded.

internet and other digital apps provide fertile ground for audio-visuals that feed on the lust for drugs and adolescent sex. Student communities in urban areas develop this craze at a very impressionable age and live a lavish life beyond their own resources incurring debt.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Stop the telecast. ...*(Interruptions)*... This will go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: The debilitating effect of drugs make them both physical and mental wrecks at the young age when they should be seriously studying to build a better future. For fear of social ostracisation, they suffer silently and shun approaching Government hospitals or counselling clinics run by NGOs. The clergy in the local churches also pitch in to offer spiritual and divine sermons to the victims. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*... This is not the way. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: I urge the Government to mount an awareness campaign on the lines of NACO for HIV-AIDS to contain drug abuse in the country and accelerate the implementation of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI K.G. KENYE (Nagaland): Sir, I associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri P.L. Punia. ...*(Interruptions)*... He is not there. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Husain Dalwai. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Supriyo, this is not going on record. ...*(Interruptions)*...

**Demand to take measure to reduce pollution in Vashishti river  
in Konkan Coast, Maharashtra**

SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI (Maharashtra): Sir, the Vashishti River is one of the largest rivers in the Konkan coast of Maharashtra, India. The town of Chiplun lies on its banks. Crocodiles were known to inhabit the waters. For some years now, Chiplun has attracted many adventure tourists for a crocodile safari. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Recently the Vashishti, the main part of which falls in Ratnagiri district, has been affected vastly due to the Koyna Hydroelectric Project and the Lote Parshuram Industrial Area (LIA). ...*(Interruptions)*... Now it stands polluted and proving a threat to its ecological system. ...*(Interruptions)*...