

Fake currency notes in the country

DR. SANTANU SEN (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. Sir, on 8th of November, 2016, we saw that our hon. Prime Minister had suddenly made an announcement of demonetisation and removal of fake currency from the country was shown as one of the important reasons for such notification. But, surprisingly, according to several reports, we came to know that, as of now, this fake currency event is prevalent in most of the States of India, and is still an epidemic for India. Sir, if we want to cite some examples, recently, in Ahmedabad, in the State of Gujarat, four persons cheated a land broker by fake currency with face value of nearly rupees four lakhs. In Surat, a fifty-year old hawker was held with demonetised currency notes of rupees hundred and five hundred having a face value of nearly rupees one crore. In Thane, a small manufacturing unit of fake currency was identified. In Trichur, Tamil Nadu, police arrested one person for having fourteen lakhs rupees fake currency and the other person for having nearly forty lakhs rupees fake currency. Sir, in the State of UP, one person was arrested for having nearly ten lakh rupees of fake currency which shows that this demonetisation could neither detect the actual black money nor it could remove fake currency from the country. It only killed the economy because we know. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You come to the issue. You have discussed enough on economy.

DR. SANTANU SEN: Yes, Sir. This counterfeit money actually reduces the value of original money and it inflates. That is why my humble request before the Government is that kindly take strong steps to revive the economy of the country which is really in distress now, Sir. Thank you.

SHRI Ahamed Hassan (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the myself with the matter raised by Dr. Santanu Sen.

SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Santanu Sen.

Rise in prices of essential commodities, especially onion

SHRI K.K. RAGESH (Kerala): Mr. Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. Sir, we have been witnessing sky-rocketing onion prices as there is an unprecedented hike in the prices of onion. In various parts of the country, the price of onion has reached more than ₹ 120 per k.g. Sir, in reply to a question, our