

[श्री वीर सिंह]

मुरादाबाद से दिल्ली रेलवे लाइन हैं, उन दोनों के ऊपर सोनकपुर पर, रेलवे ओवरब्रिज का निर्माण चल रहा है। पुलों के दोनों और साइडों की सड़कों का काम पूरा हो गया है, किन्तु अभी तक दोनों पुलों का रेलवे का काम पूरा नहीं हुआ है।

माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से रेल मंत्री जी से मांग करता हूँ कि मुरादाबाद में दोनों रेलवे पुलों का निर्माणाधीन कार्य पूरा न होने से, जो आए दिन जाम की समस्या बनी रहती है, उससे बचने के लिए दोनों रेलवे पुलों के कार्य को शीघ्र पूरा किया जाए। यदि इन दोनों रेलवे पुलों का निर्माण कार्य शीघ्र पूरा कर दिया जाएगा, तो मुरादाबाद की जाम की 60 प्रतिशत समस्या हल हो जाएगी, बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

Need for protection of ancient port city, Arikamedu in Puducherry

SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN (Puducherry): Sir, Arikamedu is an archaeological site in Puducherry. It is an ancient port city that existed during the first century B.C. with maritime trade connections with Greek and Arabian countries. This site is spread over 34.57 acres, which is unprotected and hence prone to soil erosion, sand mining, vandalism and encroachments. Hence, it is imperative that protective measures are initiated lest it should be squandered by the miscreants. The artefacts collected through the excavations include hundreds of amphorae, Arretine ware, Roman lamps, glassware, glass and stone beads, a Roman Intaglio bearing a portrait of Augustus, remains of warehouses of gem and glass making industries, gold foil beads, glass vessels, etc, and more importantly, nearly 66 Brahmi inscribed potsherds with inscriptions of Tamil-Brahmi and Prakrit-Brahmi characters. Recently, a net portion of an amphora sherd has been identified by experts in Rome belonging to, at least, mid part of first century BCE/CE. Several burial sites of megalithic age have also been discovered in Puducherry area and this could add to its tourist value. Therefore, I request, through you, bearing the historic heritage importance of Arikamedu, a site museum with interpretation centre should be established and a comprehensive plan for new excavations should also be launched.

Sir, the Central Government has given due recognition of Keezhadi and Adichanallur in Tamil Nadu. This is a welcome step. But we have only one such site at Arikamedu in Puducherry. This is the window of French culture. In fact, the whole site deserves to be declared as a World Heritage Site. Thank you.

Need to celebrate birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad as 'Rashtriya Gyan Divas'

श्री राम नाथ ठाकुर (बिहार) : सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि स्वतंत्रता सेनानी और देश के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू के जन्मदिन,

14 नवंबर को "बाल दिवस" के रूप में मनाया जाता है। सभापति महोदय, हम आपके माध्यम से यह निवेदन करना चाहते हैं कि जिस तरह से भारत के राष्ट्रपति सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन जी के जन्मदिन, 5 सितंबर को "शिक्षक दिवस" के रूप में मनाया जाता है, उसी तरह भारत के प्रथम राष्ट्रपति, "भारत रत्न" डा. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद जी के जन्मदिन, 3 दिसंबर को "राष्ट्रीय मेघा दिवस" के रूप में मनाया जाए। महोदय, हम ऐसा आपके माध्यम से सरकार से निवेदन करना चाहते हैं।

श्री सभापति : आपका धन्यवाद। कल डा. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद जी का जन्मदिन था। He was a great son of this great country.

श्री राम चन्द्र प्रसाद सिंह (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री रामकुमार वर्मा (राजस्थान) : महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

श्रीमती जया बच्चन (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करती हूँ।

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Shri Ram Nath Thakur.

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA (Bihar): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Shri Ram Nath Thakur.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Shri Ram Nath Thakur.

**Need for withdrawal of guidelines restricting loans to students studying in
NAA/NBA accredited institutions**

SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY (Andhra Pradesh) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. Sir, students from poor families, farmers, and all these people who are sending their children for higher education to institutions, colleges, had been getting loans, and the condition was that these institutions should come under the UGC. But, now, the HRD Ministry has come out with a new rule saying that only students who are studying in NAA/NBA in universities, colleges, and institutions of national importance, will be given these loans. So, I request the Minister to consider this rule because there are only thousand students who come under the ambit of this rule, and the number of students from poor families is much more. There are very few students who come out of IITs and IIMs, and from there also, hundred per cent of them are not getting jobs. What do the banks say? Banks say, if they come through this channel, they get jobs, and their loan is guaranteed. But, I don't