

**The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Insertion of new Article 44A and
Amendment of Article 51 A)**

श्री रामकुमार वर्मा (राजस्थान): महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ कि भारत के संविधान का और संशोधन करने के लिए विधेयक को पुरःस्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाए।

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्री रामकुमार वर्मा: महोदय, मैं विधेयक को पुरःस्थापित करता हूँ।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will resume further discussion on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (amendment of article 51A). Shri Hardeep Singh Puri.

The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of Article 51 A) – Contd.*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS; THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION; AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): Sir, I would like to start by thanking the hon. Members, who took part in this very important discussion, a very rich discussion on the 22nd of November, 2019. I want to thank, in particular, Shri Prabhat Jha, for bringing this issue before this House through this Private Member's Bill. Sir, it will be recalled that the newly-elected Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August, 2014 said, and I quote: "A clean India would be the best tribute India could pay to Mahatama Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary in 2019." Sir, I want to thank the other eleven hon. Members, namely, Dr. Vikas Mahatme, Shri P.L. Punia, Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Shri Rakesh Sinha, Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) D.P. Vats, Dr. Amee Yajnik, Shrimati Kanta Kardam, Shri Kailash Soni, and Shri Shambhuprasad who spoke on this Bill. Sir, when the hon. Prime Minister made that statement which, I think, will be cross-referenced, both in terms of our history in the urban and the rural space on 15th August, 2014, there was not a slight, but a clearly discernible snigger, among some of my friends, who like to be characterized as part of the, let us say, a liberal outlook. The reaction was, is *swachhta*, is the issue of sanitation, something that is so important that needs to be brought up in a speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort? That was the refrain if you analyse the

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