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SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

### **Acquiring of fertile land for NTPC plant in Barauni, Bihar**

SHRI A. D. SINGH (Bihar): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. It relates to a matter of very urgent importance. It relates to saving the livelihood of hundreds of farmers in Bihar. It is about NTPC plant at Barauni in Bihar, which needed land for taking out the waste of the coal plant. That said land is available next to the NTPC plant which is about ten metres. Hundreds of acres are infertile and barren. Instead, in its own wisdom, the Bihar State Government, allocated them 290 acres of land, five kilometres away from the plant, which is highly fertile and which should not have been taken over, and our hon. Prime Minister's view is that fertile land should not be taken for non-agriculture purpose. So, this matter should be taken up with the State Government.

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA (Bihar): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

**श्री सुभाष चंद्र सिंह (ओडिशा) :** महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

### **Safety of women and girls in rural areas**

DR. AMEE YAJNIK (Gujarat): Sir, my topic is public safety for women and girls in rural areas. Seventy per cent of our population is in rural areas and the public spaces in rural areas are more as compared to urban areas. Available data and studies show that these spaces pose a serious threat to the safety and security of women. There is