

एक भाग होने के कारण इसकी पवित्रता, ऐतिहासिकता व धार्मिक निष्ठा सम्पूर्ण समाज में तब से लेकर आज तक चली आ रही है। सरकारी रिकॉर्ड में भी चंडी देवी मन्दिर के नाम से यह धार्मिक आस्था का केन्द्र दर्ज है। अंग्रेजों द्वारा मेरठ के विषय में प्रकाशित गजट में इस धार्मिक स्थल पर होने वाले प्रतिवर्ष के विभिन्न उत्सवों व ऐतिहासिक मेला स्थल का विस्तृत उल्लेख है।

महोदय, इस धार्मिक स्थल की उपेक्षा लगातार समाज को प्रताड़ित करने के लिए की जाती रही है। इस मन्दिर परिसर के चारों ओर की भूमि को कुछ अतिक्रमणकारियों द्वारा कब्जा लिया गया है।

अतः आपके माध्यम से सरकार से मेरी माँग है कि इस ऐतिहासिक स्थल की सुरक्षा हेतु सरकारी स्तर से पुरातत्व विभाग द्वारा एक सर्वे करा कर इसकी विस्तृत रिपोर्ट मँगायी जाए और तहसील मेरठ के समस्त पुराने राजस्व रिकॉर्ड के आधार पर इसकी जाँच कराकर परिसर की बची सम्पत्ति की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की जाए तथा अतिक्रमणकारियों को वहाँ से हटा कर अन्य जगह स्थापित किया जाए।

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

### **Demand to provide adequate banking facilities in tribal dominated KBK region of Odisha**

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, the tribal people across the undivided KBK region of Odisha are facing economic hardship due to severe lack of access to banks. They are not able to take full benefits of DBT schemes like MGNREGS, *Mamata Yojana*, *Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana*, *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana*, etc. Despite an RBI order in 2014 to open branches in unbanked rural areas, no significant progress has happened in the KBK region. The example of the Thuamul Rampur block in Kalahandi illustrates this issue. This block comprises of 24 Gram Panchayats and has a population of 77,840 as per the 2011 census. There is only one commercial bank branch of State Bank of India to cater to this tribal population. The sole bank branch is unable to meet the demands of the people and has inadequate staff, infrastructure, and facilities. Such situations are common across the KBK region. May I request the Government of India to take appropriate action to solve this crisis and open at least one bank branch in every Gram Panchayat of the country?

MR. CHAIRMAN: In each village?

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR: Sir, a bank branch in every Gram Panchayat.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

**Demand for establishing Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER)  
in Manipur**

SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA (Manipur): Sir, the Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER) are a group of institutions of national importance which promote high quality education in science and research activities in the country to meet and exceed the current global standards of science and technological advancements focussing to groom our young brilliant minds, nurturing the scientific creativity and research aptitude to compete with global scenario of research domain. The establishment of IISER was highly envisaged by many scientists as the road to broaden the scope of education in basic science amongst the young brilliant minds of the country.

This is a well-known fact that the development in all aspects in the entire North Eastern States is comparatively lagging far behind. So far, seven IISERs have been established in the entire country with an exception of North Eastern Region of India. So, the people of Manipur wish to embrace the new culture of education for training our future human resource in basic sciences and fundamental research, its strategies and solid platform. I honestly appeal to the Government of India to support our cause in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and basic research.

Till today, Manipur has no institutes of national importance of the level of IIT, IIM, etc. But considerable number of scientists from this region is performing well at