

...(Interruptions)... But, they feel that what they have done is legitimate and very noble. Under these circumstances, what do we talk to the Opposition? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up Zero Hour. Dr. Sonal Mansingh on Ministry of Culture for making 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' more effective. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Need for filling vacancies in various organizations under Ministry of Culture for making 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' more effective

DR. SONAL MANSINGH (Nominated): Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to...*(Interruptions)*... Through you, Sir, I would like to convey my request...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, respect the rules and procedures. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please, it is not going on record. Why are you wasting your vocal chords? ...*(Interruptions)*... All the Members have to be polite. ...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. SONAL MANSINGH: Sir, through you, I want to convey my namaskar to everyone...*(Interruptions)*...and request to allow me to speak, at least, for two minutes on Culture, which is a topic, which is rarely taken up.

Today, I want to say that I am an artist with more than six decades of experience and I believe -- I am a very optimistic person -- that after Corona and before Corona also, the important posts in so many of the art institutions, under the Ministry of Culture, are headless. In this year, and the last year, somehow the artists have pulled on with the help of Amazon and all these carriers of home deliveries. It is time and through you, I would request the Government and the Minister of Culture...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, again you are forcing me to adjourn the House and then depriving all these Members of their right. ...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. SONAL MANSINGH: Sir, but my right was taken away by this. So, I am just requesting that these posts should be filled up as soon as possible. Thank you.

DR. NARENDRA JADHAV (Nominated): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MS. SUSHMITA DEV (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Abdul Wahab...(*Interruptions*)... Please go to your seats. It is not going to be shown. ...(*Interruptions*)... I direct not to show any of these things. ...(*Interruptions*)...

Need to remember martyrs belonging to all states in the freedom struggle on the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

SHRI ABDUL WAHAB (Kerala): Sir, I would like to raise the issue of remembering the regional martyrs...(*Interruptions*)...on the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. As the country celebrates 75 years of Independence, it is important that we recollect some of the historic freedom fighters and the struggle that was led by the leaders of various communities from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, who fought against Britain for the idea of India, when people like Ali Musliyar led the anti-British Movement in Kerala, Bhagat Singh fought in Punjab, who were all hanged and took martyrdom for this country's independence. The international movements too were equally important for the freedom of this country, such as Ubaidullah Sindhi, Raja Mahendra Pratap, who declared the independent Government of India in Afghanistan in early 20th century. Even the Ghadar Movement, which operated from the U.S.A., Germany and from other parts of the world, were equally important.

The recent Government's attempt to ignore the valour of those who fought against the imperial British in Kerala has caused great resentment among the society. Therefore, I draw the attention of the Government, particularly the Ministry of Culture,