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श्री उपसभापति: श्री जवाहर सरकार। ...(व्यवधान)... माननीय सदस्य जवाहर सरकार जी ...(व्यवधान)...Shri Sujeet Kumar...(Interruptions)...

Need for establishing a Museum for tribal freedom fighters in Odisha

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, in celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', I commend the Government's efforts to establish Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums in ten States in India. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री उपसभापति : माननीय सदस्यगण, प्लीज वैल में न आएं। ...(व्यवधान)... I will take the name then. ...(Interruptions)... I will be forced to take the name. ...(Interruptions)... Please go back to your seats. ...(Interruptions)... सुजीत कुमार जी, आप बोलिए। ...(व्यवधान)...Dolaji, please, go back to your seats. आप वैल में न आएं। ...(व्यवधान)... दूसरे सदस्यों को भी बोलने का अवसर दें। ...(व्यवधान)... प्लीज ...(व्यवधान)...आपकी कोई बात रिकॉर्ड पर नहीं जा रही है। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR: It is noteworthy that the contributions of these unsung tribal freedom fighters are not just relegated to the textbooks. ...(Interruptions)... However, I would like to express the displeasure of the State of Odisha, as it has been excluded from the States chosen to establish a museum. Odisha has a substantial tribal population. ...(Interruptions)... As per the 2011 Census, 22.8 per cent of the population in Odisha were STs, more than a State like Gujarat (which has been chosen to establish a museum) having only 14.8 per cent ST population. ...(Interruptions)... But, most importantly, there are numerous freedom fighters from the State of Odisha who have contributed substantially to the freedom struggle. Nirmal Munda, an agrarian leader,

organised the tribals of Gangpur to refuse to pay exorbitant taxes and demanded 'Khuntkatti' rights. ...*(Interruptions)*... Kamala Lochan Dora Besoyee, took the commanding charge of Kandha Uprising in 1836. Though the British authorities suppressed this rebellion, arrested Dora Besoyee in 1837, destroyed many Kandha villages and imposed martial law, they could not suppress it completely. ...*(Interruptions)*... The uprising was continued by Chakara Besoyee, another notable tribal figure. Like these, there are many other noble and notable contributions from Odisha. Denying them a chance to be etched into history will be doing injustice to the tribal population in Odisha. ...*(Interruptions)*... I, therefore, urge the Minister to also establish a museum in Odisha, commemorating the efforts of these unsung tribal freedom fighters. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI MAMATA MOHANTA (Odisha): Sir, I 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.

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श्री उपसभापति :सदन की कार्यवाही 12 बजकर 10 मिनट तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at fifty-four minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at nine minutes past twelve of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*