

considered to be one of the major components of world beverage market. Above all, Indian tea is among the finest in the world owing to strong geographical indications. Yet, Tea gardens in Darjeeling Hills are suffering as never before. I humbly urge the august House to draw the kind attention of the Prime Minister to urgently provide financial help and set up an expert Committee to find a solution to the greatest Indian Industry's revival.

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

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

SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA (Tamil Nadu): 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.

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह नागर) : डा. सस्मित पात्रा जी, आप अपना स्पेशल मेशन पढ़िए।

Need for passage of the Women Reservation Bill in Parliament

डा. सस्मित पात्रा (ओडिशा) : महोदय, मैं सरकार से दरखास्त करता हूँ कि महिला आरक्षण विधेयक को भारतीय संसद में जल्द से जल्द पारित किया जाए। महिला आरक्षण विधेयक का पारित होना देश की 66 करोड़ महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण की दिशा में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम होगा। वह भी तब, जब भारत अपनी आज़ादी के 75 साल और आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव मना रहा है तथा साथ ही अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर जी-20 की अध्यक्षता भी कर रहा है। महिला आरक्षण विधेयक को पारित कर भारत विश्व के सामने एक नया कीर्तिमान स्थापित कर सकता है। लोक सभा और विधान सभाओं में महिलाओं के लिए 33 प्रतिशत आरक्षण उन्हें नेतृत्व के नए अवसर देगा और भारत को विश्व का सर्वश्रेष्ठ राष्ट्र बनाने में कारगर सिद्ध होगा।

महोदय, मेरे नेता माननीय मुख्य मंत्री श्री नवीन पटनायक और मेरी पार्टी बीजू जनता दल महिला आरक्षण विधेयक को संसद में पारित कराने की कई सालों से मांग कर रही है। 2018 में श्री नवीन पटनायक जी ने 22 राजनैतिक दलों के पास बीजू जनता दल के प्रतिनिधि मंडल भेजे और इस विधेयक को संसद में पारित कराने के लिए समर्थन मांगा। कई राजनैतिक दलों ने इस मुहिम को समर्थन भी दिया। 2019 लोक सभा चुनाव में श्री नवीन पटनायक जी ने 33 प्रतिशत लोक सभा सीटों पर महिला प्रत्याशियों को टिकट दिया और उनमें से कई आज लोक सभा की सदस्य हैं।

महोदय, मैं विनम्रता के साथ फिर से अपनी मांग को दोहराता हूँ कि महिला आरक्षण विधेयक को भारतीय संसद में जल्द से जल्द लाया जाये।

SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

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

DR. V. SIVADASAN (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI JEBI MATHER HISHAM (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA (Manipur): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN (Maharashtra): 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.

श्रीमती महुआ माजी (झारखंड) : महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाये गये विषय के साथ स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

Deaths on duty of Railway Trackmen due to lack of safety devices

SHRI A.A. RAHIM (Kerala): Sir, the Railway trackmen and keymen are essential workers in the railways who carry out the track patrolling and ensure that the rails are safe to ply on and, hence, ensure the smooth functioning of the railways. Theirs is a high risk job as they have to work on the tracks while trains are still running. Every day, these workers are putting their lives on the line for the railways and, hence, for our country. In the Thiruvananthapuram Division of Southern Railway, thirteen keymen met with a fatal accident while on duty in a short period. There is already a device called the Rakshak or train-passing indicator which is a hand-held device, which can alert the workers of the incoming trains. However, these have not been provided in the Thiruvananthapuram Division. They should also be provided with walkie-talkie devices while working in single line sections. The keymen also have to work alone without any supporting staff and this is also a risk to their safety. There is also the centuries-old practice of manual monsoon patrolling which is completely avoidable if mechanised patrolling is introduced. A special risk allowance also must be instituted for the employees working as keymen. The Ministry should urgently take up these measures to ensure that the brave workers working as keymen are not prone to fatal accidents while on duty due to such completely avoidable circumstances. Thank you, Sir.

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN (Maharashtra): 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.