

authority to take over the management of a tea company which fails to comply with the Tea Act, 1953. The West Bengal Government is proactively acting against organisations which are not paying Provident Fund and Gratuity. Under Cha Sundari Scheme, the Bengal Government is building over 4,000 homes for tea garden workers. We have already finished construction of 1200 houses. On the other hand, the ... *

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have to read only the approved text. Nothing will go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... You are reading which is not approved. Please. You have to read only approved text, nothing other than that. It will not go on record.

SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM: Tea estates in other parts of the country such as Assam need urgent attention of the Union Government. There is no provision of ensuring or giving them their due Provident Fund by the Union Government. Moreover, there are no scholarships and stipends promised to tea garden workers' children. There is a dire need to address the conditions of tea plantation workers.

I urge the Government to discuss the same and work towards ensuring better working conditions for tea workers to promote the industry. Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Only approved text will go in the record. The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention raised by the hon. Member, Shri Samirul Islam: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas (West Bengal), Dr. Kanimozhi N.V.N. Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu) and Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala).

Concern over stray animals

श्री अजय प्रताप सिंह (मध्य प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, आज सड़कों पर आवारा पशुओं की भरमार है। इन आवारा पशुओं के कारण प्रतिवर्ष 1,350 से 1,400 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु सड़क दुर्घटना में हो रही है। इनके कारण प्रत्येक गाँव में सैकड़ों एकड़ जमीन परती रह जाती है तथा सैकड़ों एकड़ जमीनों पर खड़ी फसलों को ये आवारा पशु नुकसान पहुँचाते हैं। मेरा सरकार से आग्रह है कि पशुपालक इन पशुओं को पालने के लिए तभी तैयार होगा, जब ये पशु आर्थिक रूप से उपयोगी होंगे। इसलिए इन पशुओं में नर पशुओं का व्यापक बंध्याकरण अभियान चलाया जाये, जिससे इनकी वंशवृद्धि रुके तथा मादा पशुओं के मध्य व्यापक नस्ल सुधार का कार्यक्रम भी

* Not recorded.

चलाया जाये, जिससे दुधारू नस्ल के उपयोगी पशु तैयार हो सकें, जिन्हें पालने के लिए पशुपालक प्रोत्साहित हो।

सरकार को बजट 2022-23 में उल्लिखित गोबरधन संयंत्रों को शीघ्र स्थापित करना चाहिए, जिससे पशुपालकों को गोबर और गौमूत्र का भी मूल्य प्राप्त हो सके। सरकार 'पशु संरक्षण अधिनियम' को कड़ाई से लागू करने का निर्देश संबंधित पक्षों को दे, जिससे जिस व्यक्ति के पशु आवारा घूमें, फसलों का नुकसान करें अथवा किसी के जान-माल का नुकसान करें, उस पशुपालक को कठोर दंड देने का प्रावधान किया जाए। प्रत्येक पशु का ग्राम स्तर पर रजिस्ट्रेशन तथा बीमाकरण अनिवार्य किया जाये, जिससे 'पशु संरक्षण अधिनियम' को प्रभावी रूप से लागू किया जा सके, धन्यवाद।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention raised by the hon. Member, Shri Ajay Pratap Singh: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha) and Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas (West Bengal)

Demand for including prime tourist sites of Odisha into Iconic Sites list

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, my Special Mention is to request and urge the Government to include prime tourist sites of Odisha into the Iconic Sites List.

Sir, in the year 2019-20 Budget Speech, the hon. Finance Minister declared 17 tourist sites as iconic sites, intended for development into world-class destinations to set an example for other sites. The list didn't include any site from the State of Odisha, despite the State's robust tourism infrastructure, cultural richness, natural beauty and great historical significance. Odisha alone had a total tourist footfall of one crore 31 lakh tourists in the year 2016-17, majorly to the five prime tourist sites - Konark Sun Temple, Chilika Lake, Bhitarkanika National Park, Simlipal National Park and Diamond Triangle Buddhist Circuit. Since then, the State has maintained a growth rate of eight per cent every year, except in 2020-21, due to the pandemic. The continuous efforts and initiatives of the State Government in organizing events like World Tourism Day - 2020, Konark Festival- 2020, Mukteshwar Dance Festival-2021 and Men's Hockey World Cup in partnership with International Hockey Federation in 2018 and 2022, have led to a 110 per cent growth in tourism in Odisha post the pandemic. Furthermore, tourist sites like the Konark Sun Temple, a UNESCO world heritage site, stand out among the ten most popular centrally-protected monuments in India, according to the 2021-22 data of the Tourism Ministry.