

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.

Sir, I would thus request the Government to formally include at least two of the five prime tourist sites of Odisha in the list of iconic sites, which has also been a long-pending request of the State Government since the year 2019.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention raised by the hon. Member, Shri Sujeet Kumar: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu) and Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas (West Bengal).

Need for adequate Special trains to Kerala in festive seasons

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, the Indian Railways is the lifeline of India. In times of exorbitant prices being charged by airlines during the festive season, the railways play a pivotal role in helping ordinary citizens travel to their hometown. During the recent Diwali season, it was observed and reported that thousands of people were waitlisted and could not get trains back home. The hardship caused by such wait-listing is significant as people eagerly waiting to join their families to celebrate festivals were denied the opportunity. It has also come to our notice that this helpless plight had led several passengers to enter trains without confirmed tickets, causing overcrowding in trains. It is observed that despite the overcrowding, people travel, risking their lives at times. Every year, thousands of Malayalis travel back to Kerala during the festivals of Onam, Christmas and New Year. Yet, many of them are disappointed due to the lack of trains and tickets and have to suffer.

In this regard, I urge the hon. Railway Minister to ensure adequate special trains are arranged to Kerala to meet the demands of the festive season.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention raised by the hon. Member, Shri Binoy Viswam: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham, (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).