

मान्यवर, मैं अंत में सिर्फ इतना कहूंगा कि इस बीमारी को नोटिफाई किया जाए।...**(समय की घंटी)..**

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri Sanjay Singh: Shri Sanjeev Arora (Punjab), Shri Digvijaya Singh (Madhya Pradesh), Shri Sant Balbir Singh (Punjab), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Shri Pramod Tiwari (Rajasthan), Shri Ramji (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Ravi Chandra Vaddiraju (Telangana), Shri Javed Ali Khan (Uttar Pradesh), Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha (Bihar), Shri Imran Pratapgarhi (Maharashtra), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury (Telangana), Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav (Uttar Pradesh), Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal), Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam (Chhattisgarh), Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana), Shri Jose K. Mani (Kerala), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shrimati Priyanka Chaturvedi (Maharashtra), Shrimati Jaya Amitabh Bachchan (Uttar Pradesh) Shrimati Sudha Murty (Nominated), Shri Derek O'Brien (West Bengal), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik (Maharashtra), Shri Naresh Bansal (Uttarakhand), Shri Ram Chander Jangra (Haryana), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala), Shri Sujeet Kumar (Odisha), Shri Jawhar Sircar (West Bengal), Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala) and Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra).

श्री उपसभापति: धन्यवाद, संजय जी। Shri Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba, "Demand to declare the Ema Keithel (Women Market) of Manipur as a Living Cultural Heritage Site."

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SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA (Manipur): Sir, my Zero Hour submission is 'Demand to declare the Ema Keithel (Women Market) of Manipur as a Living Cultural Heritage Site. In Manipuri, 'Ima' means Mother and 'Keithel' means Market, that is, 'Mother's Market'. It is also popularly known as Khwairamband Ima Keithel, situated at the heart of Imphal city, Manipur. It is one of the oldest women markets in Asia, run only by women folks, and no male traders are allowed to open stalls or shop there. It has a very long mythological story about its establishment. It is not only a commercial hub but it also occupies a vital socio-economic space in the

history of Manipur. The two women uprisings of Manipur, known as the "Nupi Lan of 1904 and 1939", against the British colonial rule, were initiated, organized by the women leaders of this market. This market is a unique symbol of women's economic empowerment and it may be described as "A great example of *Nari Shakti*."

Because of its unique nature, its historical significance and its value of women's empowerment, I urge upon the Union Government to declare the Ema Keithel or Khwairamband Ema Keithel as a Living Cultural Heritage Site under Article 51A and to preserve it as a place of historic interest and national importance under Article 49 of Indian Constitution. Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba: Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha (Bihar), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha) and Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik (Maharashtra).

Dr. V. Sivadasan, "Need to address the issues faced by journalists and media professionals."

Need to address the issues faced by Journalists and Media professionals

DR. V. SIVADASAN (Kerala): Sir, the history of our world teaches us that journalism is the integral part of the liberation movement. The world-renowned personalities like Gandhiji, Bhagat Singh, Karl Marx and Lenin used media as a tool for struggle. Many of freedom fighters were active in journalism. I am sorry to say that India, the land of Periyar, Ambedkar and Ravindranath Tagore, is in the 159th position out of 180 countries in Press Freedom Index. The journalists are facing police cases including UAPA, arrest and imprisonment. Journalists like Prabir Purkayastha and Siddique Kappan were in jail because they were speaking truth to power. In India, in the last 10 years, more than 100 journalists were killed in different places, including the noted editor and writer, Gauri Lankesh.

The communal fanatics target the journalists, who are standing with people. The journalists, who are trying to expose the anti-people policies of the rulers, are targeted by the forces of the Union Government. Working journalists are one of the most exploited groups in India. Thousands of brilliant youngsters are working in media but the Government is not ready to protect them, and the Government is not taking initiative to ensure proper wages to the journalists. After the implementation of neo-liberal economic policy, the number of permanent employees has been reduced. The journalists have no social security. There are no proper welfare and pension schemes.