

Rahim (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha) and Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala).

संत बलबीर सिंह जी, आपका स्पेशल मेशन है - Demand to stop the cultivation of paddy in Punjab.

### **Demand to stop cultivation of paddy in Punjab**

SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH (Punjab): @Sir, Punjab which fed the people of the country during the Green Revolution period and filled the country's granary is currently paying a heavy price. The excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in Punjab has turned the prosperous state into a cancer zone. Farmers of Punjab are stuck in crop cycle of wheat and paddy. The Government adopted the Minimum Support Price (MSP) policy to meet the Central grain storage requirements on the farmers of Punjab since 1973. Now every year the area under paddy is increasing in Punjab. Due to this, the pressure on the underground water is also increasing. During paddy cultivation, where the vast water storage is being affected, handling of the paddy stubble afterwards also remains a major challenge every year. Every year, precious lives are lost due to accidents due to this smoke. Therefore, the paddy crop is not suitable according to the climatic conditions of Punjab. Pond-irrigation is required for the paddy crop, which has led to dangerous groundwater depletion in more than three-fourth blocks in Punjab. Now in Punjab, there is no life without submersible motors for irrigation of crops. These tools have become the cause of debt for the farmers. I urge the Government to take suitable measures to stop the cultivation of paddy in Punjab.

**श्री उपसभापति :** संत बलबीर सिंह जी, आपने अंग्रेजी में दिया था, लेकिन पंजाबी में पढ़ा। माननीय सदस्य, जो अप्रूव्ड टेक्स्ट होता है, आप वही पढ़ सकते हैं। कृपया इस बात का ध्यान रखें। माननीय डा. अजित माधवराव गोपछड़े। ...(व्यवधान)... Please.

### **Demand for establishing a single window clearance system for doctors looking to start hospital**

DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE (Maharashtra): Sir, it has been reported that all health insurance claims will now be processed through a single window called the

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National Health Claims Exchange (NHCX), which will be utilized by hospitals and insurance companies. The National Single Window System (NSWS) is a digital platform designed to assist in identifying and applying for approvals based on specific business requirements (<https://www.nsws.gov.in/>). Many State Governments are currently offering a Single Window Clearance System, which grants clearances within a specified timeframe to attract investments. Additionally, the Central Drugs Control Organization has recently implemented a Single Window Clearance System, which is a positive development. I strongly urge the Central Government, in collaboration with State Governments, to explore the possibility of establishing a uniform Single Window Clearance System for doctors looking to start hospitals. Thank you very much.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by hon. Member, Dr. Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. Bhim Singh (Bihar), Shri Amar Pal Maurya (Uttar Pradesh) and Dr. Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde (Maharashtra).

#### **Demand to increase the number of general class coaches in trains**

**श्री भीम सिंह (बिहार) :** महोदय, अपने देश के दैनिक जीवन में रेलवे एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाती है। हर दिन लाखों लोग रेलों का सहारा लेकर अपने गन्तव्य तक पहुंचते हैं। रेलवे ने सभी ट्रेनों में फर्स्ट एसी क्लास, AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier कोचों की संख्या बढ़ाई है, लेकिन साधारण श्रेणी के डिब्बों में बढ़ोतरी लगभग नगण्य है। ऐसे में इन कोचों में यात्रा करना बेहद कष्टकारी हो जाता है। विशेषकर बिहार, उत्तर प्रदेश और झारखंड के प्रवासी मजदूरों को इससे बहुत दिक्कतें होती हैं। ये मजदूर खासकर पर्व, त्यौहारों के अवसर पर डिब्बों में ठुंसकर यात्रा करने को बाध्य हो जाते हैं। अतः इस संदर्भ में मैं सरकार का ध्यानाकर्षण करते हुए रेलों में साधारण श्रेणी के डिब्बों की संख्या बढ़ाने हेतु मांग करता हूं, ताकि समाज का गरीब नागरिक भी सुगम रेल यात्रा का बेहतर लाभ उठा सके।

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#### **Withdrawal of 18 percent GST on Kendu leaf for the welfare of tribal communities in Odisha**

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, Kendu leaf is financial