

Demand for declaring Puri Ratha Yatra as a National Holiday

SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY (Odisha): Jai Jagannath! Sir, I am sure, all of us here have visited or heard about Puri Ratha Yatra. It is very surprising that there is a national holiday on Mahavir Jayanti and on many other functions. This is the international Ratha Yatra where, over a period of 7-8 days, lakhs and lakhs of devotees attend. It is a spiritual movement of India. And, this happens not once in 100 years, but every year. And, the Ratha Yatra is not only held in Puri, but held everywhere in this country, right from Delhi to Ahmedabad to West Bengal, London, Los Angeles and Paris. Do not we all think--all of you should agree with me-- that the day of Ratha Yatra should become a national holiday! With the blessings of Lord Jagannath, Modi 3.0 is sitting in Delhi.

The hon. Chair is aware that this is such a sensitive issue not only for Odisha and Bengal but also for the whole world. And, Lord Jagannath is called the Lord of the World. The word 'Jagannath' comes from the Ratha Yatra. In the late 18th Century, when a British officer recorded the Ratha Yatra, he had mentioned, this is a real juggernaut. Therefore, in the interest of the whole nation, let Puri Ratha Yatra day be declared a national holiday. Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Debashish Samantaray: Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Shri Prakash Chik Baraik (West Bengal) and Shri Ritabrata Banerjee (West Bengal).

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श्री संजय सेठ (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सर, मैं इस सदन के माध्यम से इंश्योरेंस कंपनीज़ और हॉस्पिटल्स द्वारा की जा रही अनैतिक लूट की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। आज देश भर में अस्पतालों और बीमा कंपनियों की मिलीभगत से बीमा धारकों के इलाज की लागत बढ़ाई जा रही है। एक ही ऑपरेशन के लिए अस्पताल बिना पैनल वाले मरीजों से 40,000 रुपये लेता है, लेकिन बीमा धारकों के साथ वही बिल 65,000 कर दिया जाता है। इससे बीमा कंपनियों को ज्यादा भुगतान करना पड़ता है और अस्पताल एवं बीमा कंपनीज़, दोनों फायदा उठा रही हैं। बीमा कंपनीज़ द्वारा क्लेम की सीक्रेसी में भी बहुत देरी की जा रही है और अनावश्यक कटौती के साथ