

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri R. Giriraj: Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Shri P. P. Suneer (Kerala), Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala) Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

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SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI (Odisha): Thank you, hon. Deputy Chairman, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to speak on an important matter for the development of tribal community in Odisha. The Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY), initiated by the Central Government, aims to uplift tribal villages by enhancing their infrastructure and providing essential services. The evident challenge of weak service delivery in tribal-inhabited areas necessitates prompt attention. While the PMAAGY Scheme contributes to the distribution of basic services in tribal villages, concerns arise over the significant decrease of 63 per cent in fund allocation to Odisha from the Financial Year 2022-23 to 2023-24. Moreover, Odisha's fund allocation is comparatively lower than other States.

The Odisha Government led by hon. Ex-Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaikji had implemented various schemes, such as the Odisha Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group Empowerment and Livelihood Improvement Programme (OPELIP), the Special Development Council (SDC) & Tribal Sub-Plan to uplift the tribal community. However, there remains a pressing need for increased Central intervention and assistance in this endeavour.

To address this issue, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, could consider allocating more funds to Odisha under The Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana Scheme, the Special Development Council & Tribal Sub-Plan. Additionally, launching special programmes and schemes, in collaboration with NGOs, civil society organizations, and local tribal leaders, can enhance the effective implementation and monitoring of development programmes and fostering community participation.

Therefore, through you, Sir, I respectfully urge upon the Government to swiftly undertake these measures facilitating the comprehensive development of the tribal community of Odisha and ensuring equitable progress in-line with national objectives.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by Shri Niranjan Bishi: Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri P. P. Suneer (Kerala), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri Subhasish Khuntia (Odisha), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha), Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Prakash Chik Baraik (West Bengal), Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Shri Ritabrata Banerjee; demand for changing the name of West Bengal to Bangla.

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SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, it is a long-pending demand of the State of West Bengal to change the name of the State to Bangla. On July 26th, 2018, the State Assembly, under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee unanimously passed a Resolution to change the name of our State from West Bengal to Bangla. All sorts of clarifications were given in this regard....*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप बैठ जाएं। आपकी बात रिकार्ड पर नहीं जाएगी। Please take your seat. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Hon. Chief Minister of Bengal, Shrimati Mamata Banerjee, has time and again requested to fast-track the approval. Mamata Banerjee, in her letter to the hon. Prime Minister has categorically stated, "This rechristening will be in consonance with the history, culture and identity of our State and will reflect the aspirations of our people." After Independence, there have been many changes in the names of many States and cities. The name 'West Bengal' came into existence when the province of Bengal was partitioned in 1947. The eastern part came to be known as 'East Pakistan' and the western part was named as 'West Bengal'. ...*(Interruptions)*... Today, there is no East Pakistan. After the Bangladesh Liberation War, it became Bangladesh. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please, सीट पर बैठ कर न बोलें।