

**Regarding convening of a one day Special Session at Raigad Fort to commemorate the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**

**SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE (AHMEDNAGAR):** Hon?ble Madam Chairperson, I want to draw your kind attention towards an important issue. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was crowned as the king and his coronation ceremony took place on June 6, 1674 at Raigad Fort. Then, he constituted the Ashtapradhan Mandal, a council of eight ministers, like we have our cabinet today, to assist in the administration of Maratha empire. He established this democratic setup when it was not a common practice. He emphasized on the fundamental values of Liberty, Equality and Justice and then this ideological legacy was carried forward by many social reformers like Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj and Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar throughout Maharashtra and entire country. So, I would like to request you to kindly convene a one-day Special Session at Raigad Fort to commemorate the coronation ceremony.