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Title: Need to pay homage to Veer Surrender Sahay , freedom fighter of War of Independence of 1857 and beyond.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): Sir, the nation is observing the 150th anniversary of the first war of Indian Independence and the nation is paying homage and tribute to the martyrs of the national heroes of that war. But I am sorry to say that one of the greatest heroes of that historic war, Veer Surrender Sahay has been totally forgotten. I would like to inform the House that even before 30 years of the first war of Indian Independence, he started his armed struggle against the Britishers just at the age of 19 years. In two phases he suffered the largest period of imprisonment in the whole history of struggle for Independence of mankind. He suffered imprisonment for 36 years. He died in the Asuragarh jail. He was blinded. He was poisoned by the Britishers. He was murdered inside the jail. Almost all the members of his family were either hanged, or were sent to *kalapani*. He started the guerrilla warfare and organized the tribal communities like the Brinjal community and the Gun community in the Western part of Orissa. He taught a terrific lesson to the Britishers. When the whole nation is engaged in paying a tribute to the heroes of the first war of India's Independence, Veer Surrender Sahay has been a forgotten name.

MR. SPEAKER: I think, very rightly you have raised this matter. I am sure the nation should remember him and remember his contributions to the nation.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA : The Ministry of Culture is monitoring all this. I would like to request, through you, the Ministry of Culture to erect a memorial in his honour in any part of Orissa.

MR. SPEAKER: In this highest forum we are paying our respect to a great freedom fighter. I had the occasion to go there in your State.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA : Sir, a statue of Veer Sureendra Sahay may also be installed in the Parliament House. This is what we would like to appeal to you. The Chief Minister of Orissa has committed that the whole cost of the statue will be borne by the Government of Orissa.

MR. SPEAKER: We shall see about it. Whatever the Parliament can do, we will do.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, we would like to associate with him...*(Interruptions)*

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MR. SPEAKER: All those who want to associate with his submissions will be associated. I myself have associated with him. Shrimati Archana Nayak is also associated on this matter. [\[R12\]](#)

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