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Title : References regarding observance of International Literacy Day observed on 8 September, 2007 and congratulating Indian Hockey Team on winning Asia Cup Hockey Championship.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, 8 September, 2007 was observed as International Literacy Day, a practice which is being followed since 1965 when this day was so designated by the UNESCO. Concerted efforts are being made in our country to achieve full literacy but still there is concern that the female literacy rate is yet to achieve the target and the gap should be bridged and women's literacy has to be accorded priority.

Let us resolve to step up the efforts for spread of literacy in the country.

Hon. Members, it is a matter of great pride that India has won the Asia Cup Hockey Championship by registering a resounding victory, defeating South Korea by a margin of seven goals to two at the finals held at Chennai yesterday.

The Team has done us proud and I am sure the House would join me in congratulating the Indian Hockey team and wish them glorious success in their future tournaments.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): Sir, the Hockey Team did well, the Football Team did well, yet hockey and football are kept out of the priority list...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): Sir, they should be given first priority and more money...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I am so happy that there is unanimity on this.

...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (SOUTH DELHI): Sir, hockey has been removed from our priority list...(*Interruptions*) It should be included in the priority list...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Archery also should be given priority.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Sir, on every issue there is unanimity...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Can you not wait for five minutes?

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU : Sir, on every issue there is unanimity. Why can there not be unanimity on the Indo-US Nuclear Agreement?...(*Interruptions*)

12.02 hrs.