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Title: Need to accord recognition to Lingayat religion.

SHRI RAJU SHETTI (HATKANANGLE): All of us know that Mahatma Basveshwar was the revolutionary saint and the founder of Lingayat Religion. The thought given by him in the same period was totally against the so called upper religion of the society. He also removed the inequality from the society. These valuable thoughts and writing of him always equally important compared with the thought even by Gautam Buddha and Bhagwan Mahavir. He himself want new path of religion based on the values taught by him. In this context the thoughts and belives differ from Hinduism. At present the population from Karnataka and Maharashtra particularly having very few numbers carried the thought and those belong to Lingayat Religion being a very few in number of the population the demand of these people was not considered by the Government. At this juncture the followers of this community went on agitation demanding recognition of Lingayat community as religion.

I request all the members of the Hosue like Jainism and Buddhism, Lingayat community people may be recognised as the Lingayat religion who will help for preservation of the revolutionary though of Mahatma Basveshwar for the foundation of healthier atmosphere among all the religion to strengthened the national spirit.

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