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Title: Need to declare the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar falling on the 14<sup>th</sup> April as a National Holiday every year-laid.

SHRI P.L. PUNIA (BARABANKI): Baba Sahab Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was an important national leader and dalits have special emotional attachments with him. There has been a persistent demand from his followers for declaring 14<sup>th</sup> April as a regular national Holiday.

Being an emotive issue for dalits and 14<sup>th</sup> April being the birth anniversary of a great leader and the main architect of the Indian Constitution, the occasion should be declared as a regular National Holiday.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to give due consideration to this request and declare 14<sup>th</sup> April as a regular National Holiday for all Government offices under the Union Government.