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Title: Need to declare the memorial of freedom fighters at Semariaya village in Sawayajpur, Uttar Pradesh a tourist spot.

DR. ANSHUL VERMA (HARDOI): Thank you very much, Deputy-Speaker, Sir. In my Constituency, that is, Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh there is a block named Harpalpur that falls under Sawayajpur Vidhan Sabha where lies a village named Semariya. This village has witnessed a massacre of freedom fighters in the year 1932, and that incident is also stated as mini *Jalianwala Bagh* incident.

I would like to draw your kind attention towards the incident in a nutshell. On 26 January 1932, the freedom fighters gathered in a large number at Semariya village under the leadership of revolutionary leader late Shri Someshwar Nath Shahabadi to protest against the British rule, and thereby demanding *poorna swaraj*. The British officers stopped the freedom fighters from doing so, but they refused to do so and kept the movement going. At this, the British police officer ordered to open fire on the freedom fighters. On that fateful day, hundreds of people died on spot and 24 persons were arrested, and the dead bodies of these freedom fighters were thrown into nearby flowing river *Ram Ganga*.

The locals hold a martyrs day function ever since on 26 January every year to remember these martyrs, and in their memory they have raised a memorial with the aid and assistance of local administration.

Through you, Sir, I would like to request that this memorial be declared as a tourist spot. Further, the Tourism Ministry may be asked to develop and beautify this memorial as a mark of respect to the martyrs of the nation. Thank you very much, Sir.