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Title: Need to recognize Shahid Jayakumar Rajguru Mohapatra's birthday as 'Shaheed Divas'.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Thank you so much Sir for giving me an opportunity to speak in the 'Zero Hour'.

Sir, Jaykrushna Mahapatra Rajguru, who was born in 1739 in Puri district of Odisha is supposed to be the first martyr in India's freedom struggle against the Britishers.

Sir, he was not only a strategist; he was not only a visionary; he was not only a guerilla warfare by organizing *paikas* from each and every family of the Odisha princely State at that point of time. The Britishers saw that Jay Rajguru is the greatest threat to their nefarious design.

Sir, he waged a guerilla warfare against the Britishers and won the war. The Britishers saw that he is going to pose a greatest threat and subsequently, they arrested him. When they arrested him and produced before the court of law, the court said that you are the man who is responsible for waging a war against the Britishers. He had the courage to say so. He said that the king is not responsible and it is me who is responsible to this nefarious design.

The way he was killed, no human mind in a civilized world can think of that. His two legs were tied to a 400 year old banyan tree by bringing two branches and the branches were let off causing a complete vertical split of his body. That is the most inhuman treatment the Britishers have given to a hero from Odisha. History has chosen to forget such a great hero who has contributed to the Indian Freedom Struggle. So, my demand before the Union Government is that let the place Medinipur in my Balasore constituency where he was killed be declared as a place of national importance and a historical place and infrastructure be created to commemorate the great hero of the Indian freedom struggle.