Title: Regarding taking necessary steps to stop Arsenic poisoning and get rid of arsenic content in our farm product and food.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG): Madam, it is a matter of astonishment for me as know that arsenic poisoning has spread to 12 States. Arsenic groundwater contamination was first detected in West Bengal in 1983. By 2020, its spread was reported from the Ganges-Brahmaputra fluvial region covering Jharkhand, Bihar etc. At present, 96 out of 640 districts have high concentration of arsenic. ...(Interruptions) Most disturbing news at present is that arsenic poisoning has entered food chain through farm products. A Committee of Secretaries in a report to the Government has estimated that over seven lakh people have been affected by arsenic with around 3 lakh people having arsenic related diseases. Around 30 per cent of this three lakh people having arsenic related disease are poor and malnourished. A plan of action should be put in place immediately to ensure that arsenic contamination does not enter into our food and farm products in these 12 States.

Under these circumstances, I would strongly urge the hon. Minister to address the issue of arsenic poisoning and get rid of arsenic content in our farm products and food. ...(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. Kirit P. Solanki is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Ratna De (Nag).

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप क्यों चिल्ला रहे हैं? आपकी कोई भी बात रिकार्ड में नहीं जा रही हैं_।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : खडगे जी, आप बैठ जाइए_। प्रिवलेज मोशन में कोई बात लम्बी-वाँड़ी नहीं कही जाती हैं_।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

HON. SPEAKER: I have taken it. I am sorry.

...(Interruptions)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : दीपेन्द्र जी, मैंने आपको बोलने के लिए समय भी दिया था_। बार-बार यह नहीं होता हैं।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : दीपेन्द्र जी, आप बैठ जाइए।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : सौगत जी, आपको अपना कोई इश्यु उठाना है तो बताइए। आप दुसरे की वकातत मत कीजिए। आप बैठ जाइए।

…(व्यवधान)