

to keep a separate account of domestic and commercial supplies they make, the date of filling requests for refill, the date of supply and other details to ensure that there is no diversion of LPG meant for domestic supplies and that domestic consumer does not suffer. There should be adequate publicity to these steps lest domestic consumers should be harassed by the dealers and suppliers. There should be heavy penalty for diversion from domestic consumers

12.20 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

(viii) Need to consider the feasibility of developing Soron town in Etah, Uttar Pradesh as a tourist resort

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN (Etah) : Soron town in district Etah, UP is having a population of over thirty thousand besides Nagar Palika and a Railway Station. An annual mela popularly known as 'Marik Sarin' is held there and is attended by thousands of pilgrims from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and other parts of the country to have a holy dip in its tank known as 'Har Ki Pauri'. During the mela, a big cattle fair is also held where hundreds of cattle heads exchange hands. But, the place is absolutely neglected and completely lacks proper maintenance, necessary facilities for the pilgrims and other tourists such as *dharamashalas*. A great need of its taking over by the Centre is, therefore, being felt by the people for its development and for providing necessary facilities for the pilgrims and the tourists. This would also help in the economic development of Etah which is a backward area in Uttar Pradesh.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider the feasibility of taking over and developing it under the Central schemes as in the case of tourists resorts in the country.

12.22 hrs.

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[English]

Ministry of Home Affairs—Contd.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House will now take up further discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN (Jabalpur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Demands for Grants of the Home Ministry.

For the last two days we have been discussing the Demands of the Home Ministry and probably speaker after speaker has been concentrating on the Babri Masjid issue. In my opinion, it does not only relate to the Home Ministry because this issue today is cutting completely across the body-politic of the country and the evils of communalism have shown their ugly teeth either by way of rallies or inflammatory speeches inciting the religious sentiments of various religions. Now, the time has come when instead of religious bickerings or making it a political issue, we should take a second look at it and all efforts by the society, the Government and everybody in this House should be made to privatize religion. In my humble opinion, religion is a very private or personal matter. Historically, public exhibition of religious sentiments had certain value in the olden days and in the pre-Independence days because at that time National Movements were very much intermingled with religious movements. Due to lack of facilities for publicity and lack of resources to communicate, people used to make use of religious congregations for national purposes such as our freedom struggle or freedom movement.

Today, the time has come when we should review this policy. The time has come when we should have political meetings and discussions between cross-sections of people, without bringing in religion. What is the cause? Why festivals and religious functions being taken cognizance of by political leaders?