

[Sh. Virdhi Chander Jain] meet the challenge of drought through its own resources nor can they provide employment to lakhs of workers. I would urge the Government of Rajasthan to declare the areas of Barmer, Jaisalmer and the parts of Jodhpur as famine hit areas to enable the Central Government to send the study team there as early as possible and to provide assistance to the Government of Rajasthan to start drought relief works. Besides, priority should be given to complete the construction work of wells meant for irrigation, purposes undertaken by the Government last year. Priority should be given to construct tanks for drinking water.

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(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing else except statement under 377 goes on record.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur): We walkout from the House to register our protest.

*Prof. Madhu Dandavate and some other  
Hon. Members then left the House.*

(vi) Demand for a full-fledged studio at Nagpur Doordarshan Kendra

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Doordarshan Kendra, Nagpur was inaugurated by our late Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi. At the time of inauguration, the people of Nagpur were promised that soon this Kendra will have its own full-fledged studio from where cultural programmes and programmes for the benefit of farmers will be relayed throughout the region. A smaller centre was established in Nagpur and for some time local programmes used to be relayed from Nagpur Doordarshan Kendra. Now, as per the latest decision, Nagpur has been directly linked with Bombay eliminating all future chances of the local artists. This decision which is contrary to the assurances given to

the people of region, has disheartened the people, particularly the artists.

Therefore, I earnestly request the Government to immediately restore the facilities enjoyed by Nagpur people and take immediate steps towards establishing a full-fledged studio at Nagpur Doordarshan Kendra.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Now, there is nobody to start the discussion under Rule 193 which I have admitted.

AN HON. MEMBER: They are not prepared to face it, Sir. They have run away.  
(Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): You have admitted the Motion for discussion. In the meantime the Opposition could not face facts. They only believe in creating smoke screens...  
(Interruptions) Therefore, you must make an observation on this deplorable conduct of the Opposition leaders. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Dandavate has come now.

(Interruptions)

12.06 hrs.

RE: DEATH OF SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SINGH, WIFE OF SHRI ABHAY SINGH, IN HARYANA

[Translation]

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK (Sonepat): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Choudhary Devi Lal...

MR. SPEAKER: You should rise to speak on the matter.

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: