

(Interruptions)

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): I must place on record the fact that in the last Session of Parliament, this matter was raised and the opinions expressed on that occasion were as unanimous as they are today. On this there should be no doubt. The hon. Minister had then stated that he will take the matter to the Cabinet with his recommendation which he has done. Now it is a fact that the Cabinet has not been able to decide on the matter.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Why ?
(Interruptions)

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I would like to say something, Mr. Madan Lai Khurana, if you would like to hear me.*(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : Let me conclude first.

(Interruptions)

[*English*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN(Rosera): As Leader of the House, will you announce it today?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I know what I have to say.

MR. SPEAKER: Let him complete.

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I think many Members who have expressed their opinion will also understand what are the parameters of the Cabinet functioning.

I am not saying for a minute that his issue is not such that it should not have been decided. The fact of the matter today is that

a decision is yet to be taken. All I can say is that as soon as the hon. Prime Minister returns, I will personally place this matter before him as the unanimous view of this House and I am confident that he will not allow the confidence of this House to collapse.*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Sir, I am thankful to the Leader of the House. I can understand that in view of the pressing issues, the Cabinet has not been able to technically pass it. But we proposed on this basis that it will be done in this House and it will be announced in this session. On that basis, we are participating in the proceedings.*(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA (Jhabua): Mr. Speaker, Sir, my submission was that there are a large number of leprosy patients in our country. An institute is indulging in evil practice of taking out eyes and removing kidneys to sell them at large scale. There is an institute by the name of "Jalma Research Institute of Leprosy" in Agra. I received complaints from a number of people leprosy patients are being cured for treatment and their eyes and kidneys are being taken out and sold. The patients are assured of their ailment within 10-15 days and that the whole expenditure on their treatment would be borne by the Government. Shri Arjun Singh is present in the House. I would like to submit to the House the stringent action should be taken against those who are indulging in such malpractices. CBI should be entrusted the work of investigation in to the matter and the people, who are doing injustice and committing atrocities on weaker sections, minorities on leprosy patients by taking out their eyes and kidneys and selling them, should be awarded different punishment. I would like the Government to conduct an enquiry into the matter.