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Title: Regarding hike fuel prices in India.

SHRI HIBI EDEN (ERNAKULAM): *Namaskar* Sir.

Sir, India is going to hit a century very soon in terms of price hike on petrol and diesel. In Kerala, the price of petrol has crossed Rs.90. Coming to fuel price, there was a time when crude per barrel was around 150 dollars but even during those times also, I do not think the price of petrol, diesel and LPG was hiked so much. Sir, this is a very important issue because now the crude oil price globally for one barrel is almost 50 dollars and this is the time when heavy excise duty has been imposed both by the Central and State Governments. On one litre of diesel and petrol, more than Rs.50 has been imposed as excise duty.

My request to the Central Government is to reduce the price of petrol, diesel and LPG and also to reduce the tariff or reduce the excise duty on these items because the day-to-day life in this pandemic has been very critical.

I request the Central Government to withdraw as much as possible, the excise duty on these crude oil items so that the common man of this country would not suffer. The State Government is also equally responsible. Whenever the State Governments get additional benefit, they also try to charge more and thereby putting the burden on the common man's shoulder. So, this is a very important issue.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : The last submission today is of Shrimati Sunita Duggal.

श्रीमती सुनीता दुग्गल (सिरसा): सभापति महोदय, मेरे छोटे-छोटे से तीन इश्यूज़ हैं।

HON. CHAIRPERSON: No, you raise one issue. 'Zero Hour' is related to only a particular issue.