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Title: Issues related to the Sindhis residing in India and demand to set up Sindhi Welfare Borad for development of Sindhi refugees who have migrated to India.

श्री शंकर लालवानी (इन्दौर): अध्यक्ष जी, धन्यवाद । मैं आपसे सिंधी भाषा में अपनी बात रखने की इजाजत मांगता हूं । संभवतः लोक सभा के इतिहास में पहली बार ऐसा होगा कि सिंधी भाषा में अपनी बात रखने का मौका मिल रहा है ।

*In front of you I want to raise some issues pertaining to I crore Sindhis residing in India. The Government should consider all these issues. Sir, a number of people have come from Sindh Pakistan to India as refugees, but most of them are living in pitiable conditions. I demand that a Sindhi Welfare Borad should be set up for development of Sindhi refugees who have migrated to India. Second, Sindhi Art and Culture are the oldest in the world, as manifested in Mohen jo Daro and Indus Valley Civilization. A National Sindhi Academy should be set up for Sindhi Art and Culture. Thirdly, T.V. channels are functioning in all recognized languages. The Sindhi community demands a Sindhi T.V. channel should be commissioned.

Fourthly, there is a tableau for every State on 26th January, but Sindhis remain unrepresented as they do not have a state; therefore I demand that there should be a tableau for Sindhi community on 26th January. Fifth, whenever I am on tour of the country, Sindhis said that as we lost Sindh State to Pakistan, a Sindhi territory should be given to

Sindhi community. I want it, but not only I, the entire Sindhi community wants this. Sixth, there should be a Sindhi University so that our children are able to study there. Lastly, Sindhi community demands that Cheti Chand, which is the birthday of Lord Jhulelal, should be declared a holiday. Finally, I greet you all for Sindhi language day, which falls on 10th April and for the forthcoming Jhulelal birthday that is Cheti Chand. Jai Jhulelal.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: श्री श्रीरंग आप्पा बारणे, श्री सी.पी. जोशी और श्री कुलदीप राय शर्मा को श्री शंकर लालवानी द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।

श्रीमती परनीत कौर (पटियाला):अध्यक्ष महोदय, धन्यवाद । क्या मैं पंजाबी में बात कर सकती हूं, प्लीज?

माननीय अध्यक्ष: इजाजत है ।