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Title: Regarding demand for reduction of prices in petroleum products.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, silence please. Let us hear Mr. Prabhunatah Singh.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (PANSKURA): Sir, I have to make a submission....(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, silence please. Let us hear Mr. Prabhunatah Singh.

श्री प्रभुनाथ सिंह (मधुसूदन मिश्र): उपसभ्य उपाध्यक्ष, एक बहुरतक एक... (The text continues with a detailed submission regarding petroleum prices, mentioning international and domestic prices, and the impact on the economy.)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, I would like to associate myself with what Mr. Parhbunath Singh-ji has submitted.

उपसभ्य उपाध्यक्ष: श्री प्रभुनाथ सिंह उपाध्यक्ष, एक बहुरतक एक... (The text continues with a response to the member's submission.)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, this is a very urgent matter of public importance....(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Silence please.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : The Government is playing hide and seek. The Minister is not to be seen in Parliament. एक बहुरतक एक... (The text continues with a complaint about government actions.)

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): Which Minister?

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : It is the Minister for Petroleum.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY : That is too much. ...(Interruptions)

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...(एक बहुरतक एक)

श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्ता (पान्सुरा): उपसभ्य उपाध्यक्ष, एक बहुरतक एक... (The text continues with a submission regarding the international price of oil.)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : The basic issue is that the international price is always linked with the domestic price. That is the claim of the Government. The international price was 78 dollars per barrel two months ago. Now it is 56 dollars per barrel, and there is every possibility that the international price of crude oil per barrel will go further down. This is going on for the last two months. The Government is not at all announcing, discussing or making public whether the price is going to be reduced. We have seen several times that whenever there is a small increase in the international price, immediately there is an increase in the domestic price. But now when there is an objective reason for reducing the price because of the declining international price, the Government is playing hide and seek.

Therefore, my point is this. I am just telling you the facts that in 1975, the price of one litre of petrol was Rs.3.19. In 2006, it is more than Rs.55. In 1975, the cost of one cylinder of gas was Rs.23.91. Today, one cylinder of gas costs Rs.288. In such an overwhelming inflationary situation, the Government must make clear whether they are going to reduce the price. If not, they must give the reason for it.

I demand that by tomorrow the Government must announce reduction by at least Rs.4 of petroleum and Rs.2 of diesel. Otherwise, it would be looked upon as an anti-people Government. I would take it as an anti-people State of the UPA Government. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): On behalf of my Party, I associate with this matter.

उपसभारक्षक महोदय जी, ब्राजेश इत्यादि स्वयंसेवक एस.एस.टी.कार्ड धारक सदस्य हों, वे आकांक्षित सुधारों को प्राप्त करने के लिए...

...(*अव्यक्तवाक्य*)

श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम गुरुदासगुप्ता (बंगलुरु) उपसभारक्षक महोदय, कृपया इस विषय पर विचार करें कि वस्तुवृद्धि को कम करने के लिए...^{â€}(*अव्यक्तवाक्य*)

श्री ब्रजेश कुमार शर्मा (श्रीलंका) : श्रीलंका में आकांक्षित सुधारों को प्राप्त करने के लिए...^{â€}(*अव्यक्तवाक्य*)

श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम गुरुदासगुप्ता आकांक्षित सुधारों के लिए...^{â€}(*अव्यक्तवाक्य*)
 कृपया सरकार को यह पता चले कि यह रकम है...^{â€}(*अव्यक्तवाक्य*)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : 25 paise is ...*

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* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Please give me one minute. I am told that the international price of crude oil has declined. Now that the price has come down, they should review the price and justify the price. That is the mechanism. Why the Government of India is not coming forward?...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : I have also given a 193 notice on this.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGHLY): The international prices have now come down to the 2005 level from 78 dollars per barrel to 55-56 dollars per barrel. The prices of petroleum products, namely, diesel, petrol, LPG, had been hiked repeatedly.[\[MSOffice33\]](#)

15.00 hrs.

Sir, it is a heavy burden to the common people. It is causing great hardship and suffering. In view of the steep decline in the international prices of crude, the Government should immediately reduce the prices of all these petroleum products.

I have two points to add. The Ministry of Petroleum has made a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for reduction of the central excise, which has already been agreed to in respect of aviation fuel, ATF at 8 per cent. But there is no corresponding decline in respect of the other petroleum products. We have given a suggestion that to meet the exigencies of the international crude prices market and the volatility, there should be a stabilization fund. The Government of India has already collected about Rs. 7,500 crore in the form of a cess. Our proposal was that let this cess fund be used to set up a stabilization fund so that in the

case of volatility and steep hike in the international prices, the common people can be protected.

I urge upon the Government that without any further delay the Government should immediately announce the reduction in the prices of petroleum products. ...*(Interruptions)* While we are discussing it, it should be done on the floor of the House at the earliest. Thank you. ...*(Interruptions)*

उपसभ्यः : अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बाजारों में तेजी से बढ़ती हुई तेल की कीमतों के कारण आम जनता को बुरा प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, please allow me to speak instead of associating my name. I want to speak for just one minute. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Sir, please allow the hon. Members to speak on this important issue. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Nothing should be recorded.

(Interruptions) *

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please sit down.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Shri P.S. Gadhavi, Shri Subrata Bose, Shri Brajesh Pathak, Shri Ashok Kumar Rawat, Shri G. Karunakara Reddy, Shri Ganesh Singh, Shri Virendra Kumar, Shrimati Jayaben B. Thakkar, Shri Sandeep Dikshit, Chaudhary Bijendra Sinigh, Dr. Arvind Sharma, Prof. Chander Kumar, Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai Madam and Shri K.C. Singh 'Baba' have been allowed to associate on this matter.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): Sir, the hon. Minister is listening. He must respond. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please sit down.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : It is not possible for me to compel him to make a statement.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, you ask him to respond. ...*(Interruptions)* The Leader of the House should make a concerted statement. ...*(Interruptions)*

* Not recorded

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : I cannot compel him. If he wants he can make a statement. I cannot compel him.

...*(Interruptions)*

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...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Nothing is going on record.

(Interruptions) *

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...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : The Government is not agreeing to reduce the prices. Somebody should take the responsibility.
...(Interruptions)[MSOffice34]

श्री बासुदेब अचार्या (उत्तर) : सरकार को रोक दो। वह कहें कि वह सब कुछ करवाए। वह दूध की कीमतें कम करें।
[â€] (अक्षर)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, we are walking out.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, we are also walking out.

श्री गुरुदास दासगुप्ता (उत्तर) : सरकार को रोक दो। वह कहें कि वह सब कुछ करवाए। वह दूध की कीमतें कम करें।
[â€] (अक्षर)

15.05 hrs.

(Shri Basu Deb Acharia, Shri Gurudas Dasgupta, Prof. Ram Gopal
Yadav and some other hon. Members then left the House)

श्री बासुदेब अचार्या : उम्मीद है कि मैं उनसे कह सकूँ कि वह सब कुछ करवाए। वह दूध की कीमतें कम करें।
[â€] (अक्षर)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Do you believe that I can compel him?

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I cannot give the direction.

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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing is going on record.

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[â€] (अक्षर)

15.07 hrs.

(Shri Prabhunath Singh, Harin Pathak, Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy
and some other hon. Members then left the House)

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