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Title: Regarding need to commemorate shaheed Sukhdev's birth centenary in a befitting manner.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Hon. Speaker, Sir, as India is celebrating two important events - the 150th Anniversary of the First War of Independence, 1857 and the birth Centenary of Martyr Bhagat Singh, it needs to be recalled that Sukh Dev, the great patriot and Bhagat Singh's best friend was born 100 years ago on 15th May, 1907 to Ralli Devi and Ram Lal Thapar at Mohalla Arya Samaj Lyallpur in 1907, Sukhdev rose to fame along with comrades Bhagat Singh and Rajguru. Together, the trio shook the foundations of the British Empire. Sukhdev was the principal accused in the Lahore Conspiracy Case, 1930, whose title reads as 'Crown Versus Sukhdev and Others'.

Sukhdev, though less popular and less written about him than his best friend, Bhagat Singh, was a fearless man of exceptional integrity. Fierce patriotism and pragmatic action came together in a magical weave in Sukhdev, a true revolutionary.

Despite several representations, the Government has failed to restore the martyr's ancestral house in Naughara Mohalla in Ludhiana. I urge upon the Government to take adequate steps to preserve the birthplace of Sukhdev's house by rehabilitating its current occupiers and commemorating Sukhdev's Birth Centenary in a befitting manner.

At the same time, I would also like to appeal that in 1857, a large number of freedom fighters also were incarcerated in Andaman. At that time, Cellular Jail was not built. They were incarcerated in Viper Island. Not a single name is mentioned in Cellular Jail as to who were incarcerated earlier. A lot of people from Bengal Presidency, from Madras Presidency and Bombay Presidency were deported. I would like to urge upon the Government, as we are celebrating the 150th year of the First Freedom Struggle, at least a column should be erected in Viper Island commemorating the freedom fighters and displaying those names – whose records were there. At least this should be done.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sure, it would be appropriately considered.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): We are seized of the matter. I am thankful to Shri Mahtab for giving very kind suggestions, which are being taken into consideration by the National Integration Council.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Kharabela Swain.

...(Interruptions)

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (CALCUTTA SOUTH): Mr. Speaker, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: I will come to you. You are a very hon. Member, a distinguished Member.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Therefore, I would be the last speaker. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You will get your turn. We are very happy that you have been able to attend the House.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): My point is. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Including Prof. Malhotra.

...(Interruptions)

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Everybody. ...(Interruptions) They are provoking me. Tell them not to provoke me.

MR. SPEAKER: You ignore them. In your wisdom, you ignore them.

...(Interruptions)