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Title: Need to declare 1st May, the day of International working class as a National Holiday.

SHRI SANTASRI CHATTERJEE (SERAMPORE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, you are aware as also the entire House that 1st May is the day of the international working class. Its history is drenched with blood and sweat of the toiling people of the world. Since 1890, this day is observed as the day of the international working class throughout the country. It is a day of fraternity, peace and amity and to fight against the exploitation of the capitalist system. Unfortunately, in our country this day is not declared as a National Holiday.

MR. SPEAKER: But we have declared a holiday not only on 1st May but also on 2nd May.

* Not recorded.

SHRI SANTASRI CHATTERJEE : Sir, only a few States in India like West Bengal, Tripura, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and some other States have declared it as a holiday under the NI Act. I would request the Government of India to declare this historic May Day as a National Holiday and I hope the entire House will join me in this demand.

MR. SPEAKER: I join you, but let there be some more working days.

SHRI A. KRISHNASWAMY (SRIPERUMBUDUR): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to associate with this matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: All right. The names of Shri A. Krishnaswamy, Shri C. Kuppu and Shri A.K.S. Vijayan will be associated with this matter.