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Title: Need to enhance the fund allocations under the MPLAD Scheme.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am raising the matter concerning all the Members of this House. The Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme, known as MPLADS, is a popular scheme. In spite of all the motivated campaign carried out against it, this is the best implemented scheme in the country. At any given time, more than 75 per cent of the fund of the Scheme is being utilised. Since the political future of each Lok Sabha Member is closely associated with this, he or she takes a personal interest in its implementation.

Sir, in 1998, the amount under MPLADS was increased from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2 crore. In the meantime, the value of the amount has gone down appreciably due to the inflationary pressure. It is high time that the amount under MPLADS should be increased. During the 13th Lok Sabha, the MPLADS Committee of Lok Sabha had recommended for the enhancement of the amount from Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 3 crore, and the then Speaker of Lok Sabha had also put in a word to the then Prime Minister at that time.

Sir, now the revenue collection of the Government is good. Hence, I appeal to you, Sir, to take initiative in this regard and kindly impress upon the Government to increase the amount from Rs. 2 crore to Rs.3 crore, as recommended by the 13th Lok Sabha MPLADS Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Who can ignore you?

Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat, your matter does not come under the jurisdiction of the Central Government. You have given a notice. How can the Central Government move the case of Sankaracharya from Tamil Nadu to some other State? The Central Government has no jurisdiction on this.

â€¦ (व्यवधान)

प्रो. रासा सिंह रावत (अजमेर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यदि आप आज्ञा दें तो मेरी बात सुन लें। ... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: कैसे सुन लें? यह पार्लियामेंट ऑफ इंडिया है।

â€¦ (व्यवधान)

प्रो. रासा सिंह रावत : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जैसे बैस्ट बेकरी कांड की सुनवाई महाराष्ट्र में हो रही है, उसी तरह शंकराचार्य जी की सुनवाई अन्य किसी राज्य में स्थानांतरित की जानी चाहिए। â€¦ (व्यवधान)

यह देश के करोड़ों लोगों की आस्था से जुड़ा मामला है। â€¦ (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय: यह मामला कोर्ट में है। आप इस बारे में सुशील मोदी जी से पूछिए कि क्या यह सम्भव है या असम्भव है? I appreciate your sentiment, but I am sorry it cannot be allowed.

13.09 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till ten minutes
past Fourteen of the Clock.*
