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Title: Need to take suitable measures to bridge the economic disparity among SCs, STs and OBCs compared to upper castes.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Udit Raj, when I called you, at that time you were not present in the House. As a special case I am allowing you, but when I am calling, you have to be here. Otherwise, I cannot permit this.

DR. UDIT RAJ (NORTH WEST DELHI): Sorry, hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir. The gap between household expenditures of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes is increasing ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Udit Raj, you have to read the approved text.

...(*Interruptions*)

DR. UDIT RAJ: Sir, please give me half-a-minute to explain and give an example.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Under Rule 377, you have to read the approved text only.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Only the approved text will go on record.

DR. UDIT RAJ: Thank you so much, Sir. As per recent reports from the National Sample Survey Organization, it is seen that the gap between monthly average household expenditures of different communities compared to upper castes have, in most cases, increased in 2011-12 from 1999-2000 as is listed below.

Gap between average monthly household expenditures of different communities compared to upper castes (%)						
Sample period	Rural			Urban		
	ST	SC	OBC	ST	SC	OBC
2011-2012	-53	-37	-19	-48	-60	-43
1999-2000	-49	-38	-22	-45	-65	-37

I urge the Government to take suitable measures, as deemed fit, to bridge the gap in monthly average household expenditures among SCs, STs and OBCs compared to upper castes.

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