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Title: Need to confer 'Bharat Ratna' to Shri N.T. Rama Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDY): Sir, there is a need to confer 'Bharat Ratna' award to Swargeeya NTR. The legendary actor of Telugu film industry, Shri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, famously known as NTR needs no introduction. NTR was the doyen of Telugu films who strode the Indian Telugu film industry like a colossus for half a century and later carved out a niche for himself as the tallest political leader not only in Andhra Pradesh, but also in the whole country. He was the Chairman of the National Front.

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The late NTR, the towering figure, left an indelible imprint on the minds of Telugu people by ushering in welfare and development schemes for the farmers and workers during his phenomenal tenure as Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh. NTR is also credited with having played a very important and pivotal role as Chairman of National Front in national politics and for having emerged as the main Opposition Party in Parliament during the period from 1984-89.

NTR deserves the highest civilian award "Bharat Ratna" for bringing recognition to Telugu language and culture across the geographical divide in the world comity of nations. As a deep gesture of his selfless services to society, I would earnestly appeal to the Union Government, through you, to confer the coveted "Bharat Ratna" upon the TDP founder and former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and also National Front Chairman *Swargeeya* Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao.

Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The list is over. Now I am having an extra list and there are nearly 30 Members who have given notices. We have to conclude by 8.15 p.m. Therefore, I will allow half a minute for every Member and they should complete their submissions within half a minute and not more than that.