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Title: Request to name a major street of NDMC area in the name of Biju Patnaik in view of his centenary Year.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam, this is the Centenary Year of Biju Patnaik. The Year 2016-17 is being observed as the Centenary Year of our charismatic leader, Shri Biju Patnaik, who participated in the Second World War in support of Soviet Union. He fought against the Nazi Germany. He was elected to Odisha Assembly unopposed in 1946. He took a daring flight to Indonesia when it was under the Dutch Rule along with his wife during their struggle; and bought two freedom fighters from the clutches of the Dutch Rulers.

He was also the Chief Minister of Odisha from 1961 to 1963 and again from 1990 to 1995. He was imprisoned in 1975 during the Emergency period. He was released. Later in the same year, he was elected to Lok Sabha and he became a Union Minister. He was a mass leader and was loved by one and all.

Madam, a unique thing had happened during his funeral. The former Prime Minister of India, the then Prime Minister of India and the future Prime Minister of India – three of them – were present in his funeral in Jagannath Puri; and during that funeral, all of us saw that three national flags were laid on him. This is a unique thing for an Indian. The flag of the Russian Federation, the flag of Indonesia and our National Flag – these three flags – were laid on him.

We have, all along during the last 19 years -- our party came into existence after eight months and nine days of his demise and was named as Biju Janata Dal -- been demanding that in the National Capital of Delhi, specially in the New Delhi Municipal Corporation Area, a road may be named after him to commemorate his life and deeds and to perpetuate his memories.

I would request the Government, specially, the Urban Development Minister, that as this is the Centenary Year of Biju Patnaik, it is appropriate time that they name a major street of NDMC Area in his name. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Dr. Prasanna Kumar Patasani,

Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena,

Shri Bhairu Prasad Mishra and

Kunwar Pushendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.

Hon. Member, please be to the point and do not make long speeches.