Title: Requests the Minister of Defence to stop the demolition by the army at Jherada Goan, near R.K. Puram , Delhi.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (MAVELIKARA): Sir, this is an issue which cannot be postponed till tomorrow. Sir, in Delhi, there is a village called Jherada Gaon, near R.K. Puram. It is being demolished by the Army. The demolition is going on and already 65 jhuggis have been demolished. Naturally, there is a dispute about the land. But those villagers are staying there for the last 40 years... (Interruptions). They are ration card holders also. I am only requesting the Government to please do something to stop the demolition immediately. Since the Minister of Defence is not there let him come and let the local MLAs and the people represent to him. After hearing them, the Government can take a final decision. But please stop it now because the villagers are crying and a lot of them have come outside. The concerned MLA met me and those people were there. They wanted me to raise this issue. That is why, I am raising this issue. I am requesting the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs or the Minister of Urban Affairs who is here, to kindly react and do something to save these poor people.

* Not recorded

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): Sir, I understand that the concerned MLA has already submitted a representation and met the Prime Minister in the morning itself. I will bring to the notice of the Minister of Defence the observations of my good friend as well as of the House.

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