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Title : Need to inquire the intention of Doordarshan for not displaying the picture of Shri Devi Lal, former Deputy Prime Minister and Freedom Fighter on Television in a function organised to celebrate fifty years of Independence.

SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir through you, I would like to inform the whole House and specially the Government about a matter of serious concern, Our country is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its independence Every Political Party and all sections of the society have celebrated. A function was held in Delhi in Speaker hall on 2nd July. In that function, freedom fighter and former Vice-Prime Minister Shri Devi Lal was honoured by Delhi Freedom Fighter Forum. Ex-President Shri Shankar Dayal Sharma and Ex-Prime Minister Shri Chandrasekhar were present there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a special mention and not a speech. Other members have to speak.

SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN. Shri Madan Lal Khurana and Chief Minister of Delhi Shri Sahib Singh Verma and freedom fighters from Delhi, Punjab and Haryana were also present there. Press people from all over the country and officials from 'Doordarshan' were also there. However, it is a sorry state of affairs that a person who fought for the freedom of the country was not shown on television under some conspiracy. It is an insult to a freedom fighter. Hon'ble Shri Devi Lal has been the Member of the House and also the other House. Injustice has been done to him. It is not the insult of only Shri Devi Lal but the insult of all the freedom fighters and the House.

Today Doordarshan has become commercial. There is nothing like freedom, there, I would like to ask the Government through you as to what is the conspiracy behind it. This matter should be enquired as there is a malafied intention behind it.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (BANKA): It is a very serious matter. Government should reply to it.

SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, many unimportant news are covered by Doordarshan and vulgar films are shown on television... (Interruptions) Doordarshan has become commercial (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Government will take note of it. [Translation]

SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN : This news has been published in all the newspapers but Doordarshan has not telecast it. Such types of incidents should not take place in future.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. It should not take place.

(Interruption)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister may kindly note it and bring it to the notice -of the concerned Minister.

[Translation]

SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN : it is an insult to all the freedom fighters of the country...
(Interruptions)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, since when Prasar Bharti Board has been constituted, television and Radio are working as an autonomous body. Such type of complaints have been received earlier also. I will ask the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to look into the matter.

SHRI KISHAN SINGH SANGWAN : The matter will not be solved only by this way. It is a conspiracy...
(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Minister has already taken note of it. Now please be seated.

(interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Will you please resume your seat? I have called Shrimati Abha Mahto.

(interruptions) . . .

[Translation]

SHRIMATI KAILASHO DEVI (KURUKSHETRA): We will not let this matter be suppressed. The Minister of the Government whom we supported unconditionally has done this... *(Interruptions)*

(English)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record except what Shrimati Abha Mahto says.

(Interruptions)" [Translation]