

Title: Need to commemorate 300 years of the foundation of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh on the day of Baisakhi as a national event.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR (BIKANER): I would like to bring a very important subject to the notice of the House.

The third centenary celebrations of Khalsa Panth are going to be held next year. There are only six months left for it. I think, this is something to which every Member of this House would agree. It is a sort of interface movement. The former Chief Minister of Punjab, Shrimati Rajinder Kaur Bhattal and also the present Chief Minister, Shri Prakash Singh Badal passed a unanimous resolution in the Assembly that there should be a year for the commemoration of 300 years of the foundation of the Khalsa Panth. This is something which requires the attention and cooperation of all parties and they have agreed on this issue. They have written to the Government. But I must bring to the notice of the Government that they have not taken any step so far in this regard. They should initiate steps for it and we should also write to the United Nations to make it a year of cooperation with human spirit and that there should be a mega event.

Khalsa Panth has said something remarkable. Guru Govind Singh founded Khalsa Panth 300 years back on the day of Baisakhi. He said it openly.

गुरु ग्रन्थ साहब में लिखा है:-

‘मानस की जात सबै एको पहचानबो’

What is that? All human beings are one and there is no difference between them. He defines Khalsa like this:

Khalsa is he who shuns back-biting.

Khalsa is he who fights foremost.

Khalsa is he who respects other's rights.

Khalsa is he who loves God.

Khalsa is he who devotes himself to the Guru.

Khalsa is he who confronts arms.

Khalsa is he who helps the needy.

Khalsa is he who wages war against evil.

Khalsa is he who rides well.

So, this is what Khalsa is. It means standing for the good. The same thing is said by Guru Govind Singh and Guru Nanak in the Sikh Movement. He has said:

‘अव्वल अल्लाह नूर उपायो, कुदरत के सब बन्दे,

एक नूर तो सब जग उपजया, कौन भले कौ मंदे।’

Everything that has been said is so good.

श्री राम विलास पासवान : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने एडजर्नमेंट मोशन दिया है।... (व्यवधान)

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR : So, I appeal to this House to commemorate it as a national event and a national year should be earmarked by the Government. I think the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs would respond to this point. We, as a people, should celebrate it because it is a stormy year now where people are fighting against each other, there is a war against each other and there is a racist struggle going on.

श्री राम विलास पासवान : अध्यक्ष जी, दिल्ली में लॉ एंड ऑर्डर पर हमने एडजर्नमेंट मोशन दिया है।

... (व्यवधान)

श्री मदन लाल खुराना : दिल्ली में बम ब्लास्ट और लॉ एंड ऑर्डर पर आज ही होम मिनिस्टर साहब तीन बजे स्टेटमेंट देंगे।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Madam, I have called Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh to speak. Please take your seat.

SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR (KAROL BAGH): I am not getting a chance to speak here. Law and order situation is deteriorating in Delhi everyday...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh is saying.

(Interruptions) ... *

*Not Recorded.