

Tagore was a movement of human soul in every direction for construction, regeneration and revaluation. In this hour of crisis in our country, Tagore's ideals and his teachings based on his literature, songs and other works can provide a new strength to our concept of unity in diversity.

Therefore, the Ministries of Culture and Education both are requested to publish all the works of Tagore in all regional languages at the cheapest possible price to make it available to the younger generation so that they can understand that there was a man who was above all the barriers of caste, community or religion, who took entire India to his soul and dreamt of India of every man, every religion who can coexist through a bond of love, affection and brotherhood.

Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Buddhist—all were glorified by Tagore in his writings and ultimately all became one flower that is India.

Today we salute Tagore for his vision, for his contribution and for his work that will be a torch for all of us to illumine our path. If we are disrupted and threatened and nobody responds to our call let us recite with Tagore :—

*“Jadi Tor Dak Shune Kauu Na Ase
Tabe Akia Chalho Re..”*

The Prime Minister of India, who is trying his best to preserve the unity of the country and to find solution to the Punjab issue, will definitely get further strength from Tagore—we hope.

- (viii) Need to take steps for regular supply of improved quality of essential commodities in Car Nicobar

SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA (Vishnupur) : People from mainland workers, employees and labourers—leaving their native place, relatives and friends go to Andmans in response to the appeal of the Government and settle there under difficult conditions. I have recently received sample packets of rice and wheat supplied by the Supply Department of Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The sample

reveals the substandard quality of these grains which the people of Car Nicobar are fed with. Here the people have no option except to depend upon this substandard grains because in these Islands there is no cultivation of foodgrains other than coconut, etc. The rice and wheat supplied to the people of Car Nicobar is full of stones, soil, sand and worms. If even the meagre quantity of 5 kg. rice supplied is of such a bad quality one can imagine the plight of the people of these Islands.

As far as supply of other essential commodities is concerned people of Car Nicobar have to depend upon the E.H.L.—the sole authorised agency to do the business and this agency very often fails to provide things timely and regularly. Under these circumstances there is always an acute scarcity of almost all items of essential commodities in Car Nicobar. Milk, vegetables, meat, eggs which are essential to keep one's health normal are not at all available in these Islands. Besides these Islands are malaria infested area. Non-availability of nutritious food reduces the resistance of the people to Malaria.

In view of this bad condition nobody wants to come over to Car Nicobar to work. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to improve the quality and supply of essential foodgrains, vegetables, milk, etc. in Car Nicobar so that people are enthused to go over there for settlement.

[*Translation*]

- (ix) Need to exempt marble from the levy of excise duty which has resulted in closure of small marble units of Rajasthan

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT (Chittorgarh) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Under Rule 377, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Finance Minister to the closure of all small scale marble units in Rajasthan due to increase in excise duty on marble and the rendering of 1.5 lakh workers as jobless as a result thereof.

Rajasthan caters to 90 per cent of the demand for marble in the country. There