

linked up to this pipeline—this was vital to the economy of the country and fertiliser production—that we thought of going for a single point responsibility. Thank you, Sir.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What about the demand for House Committee Inquiry ?

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, item No. 7A—Matters under Rule 377. Shri Jaiprakash Agarwal.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Sir, he is on his legs.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Even if he is on his legs I won't allow.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : We want a reply.

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRIISHNAN : Now, new procedures are being evolved.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I can't allow. I have already gone to the next item.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Sir, you pull him down.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I do't pull him down...

(*Interruptions*)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Be on your legs with retrospective effect.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : No, no. He has already completed. He is going out. Otherwise he will definitely say something.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Just to go away he got up.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : He was literally frightened of me.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : He has

successfully pulverized everybody.

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13.43 hrs.

[SHRI SHARAD SHANKER DIGHE
in the Chair]

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[*Translation*]

- (i) **Need to set up a Central Board for the proper maintenance of places of religious and tourist importance near Haridwar and Rishikesh**

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Haridwar and Rishikesh are prominent amongst the places of pilgrimage in Northern India and also for the International tourism. Just above the spot near Rishikesh, where the Ganges touches the plains, there is the world famous 'Lakshman Jhulla'. On the other bank of the river Ganga, there are many ancient as well as modern *Ashrams* in the midst of the Himalayas. Amongst the religious places, there are spacious places like 'Swaargashram' and 'Geeta Bhawan', where lakhs of men and women come every month to pay their tributes. From the tourism point of view also, this place is famous the world over as thousands of people are drawn to the hermitages here.

I must say that it is an irony of fate that such important religious places and tourist spots are neglected and it is a clear proof of the lack of vision on the part of the Government. There are no lighting arrangements at holy places like 'Lakshman Jhulla'. The roads leading to the '*Ashrams*' are in very bad shape. No attention is paid to sanitation. Moreover, there are no proper arrangements for the maintenance of these '*Ashrams*'.

I urge upon the Central Government to set up an administrative machinery to revive the glory of these places. A Central Board also needs to be set up for the maintenance of these ancient places so that the state could be given instructions and extended financial assistance to provide these facilities.