

SINGH): Sir, I have always given the utmost importance to safeguard the privileges of hon. Members of Parliament-always. The hon. Member has again brought the matter to my notice. Earlier he had written to me and immediately I had taken action and I had given him a reply, but he says that he is not satisfied with that reply. I will get it re-examined.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur): And do the needful.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Mr. Mani Ram Bagri.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: You interrupted Him, Sir, He did not complete his sentence.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: He had completed and taken his seat. Then only I called Mr. Bagri.

Mr. Mani Ram Bagri.

(ii) DEMAND FOR ISSUING A POSTAGE STAMP IN HONOUR OF THE LATE CHAUDHURY CHHOTU RAM

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी (हिसार) : स्वर्गीय चौधरी छोटू राम समूचे पंजाब के मंत्री थे और वह पहले आदमी थे जिन्होंने अंग्रेजो राज में समाजिक और आर्थिक क्रांति की बात न सिर्फ जुबान से कही बल्कि कानून बनवा कर और संघर्ष द्वारा अमल में उतारी। चौधरी छोटू राम न सिर्फ किसान नेता थे बल्कि आम जनता ने उनको "दीनबन्धु" की पदवी दी थी। चौधरी छोटू राम सिर्फ राष्ट्रीय नेता ही नहीं बल्कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय नेता भी थे, क्योंकि पाकिस्तान और बंगला देश में भी उनके कार्य क्षेत्र रहे हैं। भारत के किसानों में 90 फीसदी लोग चौधरी छोटू राम को अपना नेता मानते हैं। ऐसे राष्ट्रीय नेता के डाक टिकट के बारे

में जब मैंने सदन में सवाल उठाया तो समूचे सदन ने इसको स्वीकारा और इस साल शताब्दी जो स्वर्गीय चौधरी छोटू राम की मनाई गयी उसकी अध्यक्षता और उद्घाटन राष्ट्रपति जी और स्वयं अध्यक्ष लोक सभा ने किया।

मेरी पुरजोर मांग है कि स्वर्गीय दीनबन्धु चौधरी छोटू राम की डाक टिकट तुरन्त जारी की जाये वरना भारत के किसानों के दिलों पर कुठाराघात होगा।

(iii) NEED FOR EXPEDITING CONSTRUCTION OF SUB-POST OFFICE AT JODA ANANDPUR, CHAMPUA, SWAMPATNA AND HEAD POST OFFICE AT KEONJHARGARH IN ORISSA.

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN (Keonjhar): I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance under Rule 377. The Sub-Post Offices of Joda, Anandpur, Champua, Swampatna and Head Post Office of Keonjhar in Orissa are functioning in rented quarters. Funds for construction were allocated by the Central Government for Joda, Champua, Anandpur sub-post office buildings and Keonjhar Head Post Office buildings in 1975. Land has been acquired from the Government of Orissa and the site has been selected for the construction of those post office buildings. The post office building of Champua which is under construction has been delayed considerably. It is most unfortunate that the construction of Joda and Anandpur sub-post office building has not made any progress though funds are already available with the authorities.

The Government of India is spending huge amount of money towards the rental of the housing these post offices. This matter has been brought to the notice of the Postmaster General, Orissa but nothing has been done so far in expediting the construction work.