

**(iv) REPORTED FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF
ADULT LITERACY CENTRES OF SHA-
KURPUR, NEW DELHI RUN BY WO-
MEN'S MUTUAL AID SOCIETY**

SHRIMATI V. JAYALAKSHMI
(Sivakasi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance in the House under rule 377.

Women's Mutual Aid Society is an organisation which has been running fifty centres of adult literacy in the Jhugi-Jhopri colonies for the last eight years with grants from the Government of India. In addition they are running Balwadis and some craft classes also. They have got teachers trained for adult education with the help of the Polyvalent Adult Education Centre. 4000 women have been issued certificates so far by Brgum Abida Ahmed. The DDA allotted two rooms tenements in 43 localities to conduct the programme of adult literacy for women, craft centres and Balwadis and they are running them successfully.

Recently, in Shakurpur, all the centres which belong to this Society have been forcibly occupied by Shri Devender Swaroop, Lecturer, D.A.V. College, Evening Wing, Lajpat Nagar. The boards have been removed without their permission; 14 sewing machines and the library of three hundred books have been taken over by them and they have refused to give them back.

They have misguided the teachers who belong to the Women's Mutual Aid Society and with their help, they are carrying on the classes in the schools occupied by them.

In Madhipur Block also, the people belonging to the same group, who forcibly occupied the schools earlier, have again occupied the centres run by the Society and have opened what is called a Medical Store.

As this organisation is run by women, they need protection and I would urge upon the Government to take immediate action in this regard.

**(v) REPORTED SIGNS OF BENDING AND
COLLAPSE OF SUN TEMPLE AT KO-
NARK, ORISSA**

SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK (Bhubaneswar): Sir, I wanted a Call Attention motion to be admitted on this.

With your permission, under rule 377, I want to raise the following matter of urgent public importance.

The world famous Sun Temple at Konark in Orissa has shown signs of bending and collapse. Already, a big stone has fallen to the ground from the inside top on 4th August. This temple is a monument of Indian art and sculpture situated in the eastern coast in Puri District of Orissa which was built 1300 years back. Every stone of this temple is a master-piece of art. Already many statues have been removed from this temple to the National Museum in Delhi. Some are stolen. Yet whatever remains and particularly this temple is a wonder in the world's art and sculpture. Enough steps were not taken to maintain it with the advice of specialists on the matter. The renowned Archeologist, Dr. D. P. Ghose has opined that because of the adverse effect of atmosphere in the sea-coast and in the absence of proper maintenance, the temple has shown signs of collapse and he has advised that on this matter, the advice of the UNESCO be taken. A team of specialists from UNESCO should be required to study the matter. Another specialist, Sri D. K. Chakravorty has opined that because of the salty atmosphere and sand-storm, this temple is decaying. In order to keep itself free from such adverse atmosphere, long-term as well as short term measures may be taken. Still another Archeologist, Shri P. C. Dasgupta has advised that a big protective umbrella over the temple