

AGAINST RITUAL ANIMAL KILLING; FOR SNAKE WORSHIP

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The Lok Sabha on Tuesday saw two interventions by two members which pertained to the treatment of animals.

Raising the issue when matters under Rule 377 were allowed in the Lok Sabha, Sunil Kumar Soni, BJP MP for Raipur in Chhattisgarh, said that there was a need to rescind Section 28 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, which allowed killing of animals as part of religious observances. He raised objections to the killing of animals such as goats, buffaloes and camels to mark religious observances, by untrained people and in “extreme cruel manner”.

Dhairyasheel Sambhaji Rao Mane of the Shiv Sena, representing the Hatkanangale constituency, demanded that the worship of live snakes in Shirola village under his constituency on Nag Panchami, which had been going on for centuries, be permitted as it was now not so under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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