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Title: Shri K.C. Venugopal and Shri Jose K. Mani made a submission regarding incidence of racially motivated attacks on Indian citizens living abroad including the recent attack in Melbourne, Australia.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to raise one of the important issues in the 'Zero Hour'. ...(*Interruptions*)

Racial attacks against Indians are increasing day by day across the world. There are some latest reports. It is very sad to hear these stories repeatedly. ...(*Interruptions*) We have been raising this type of issues continuously. Last Monday also I raised an issue of a racial attack against a Catholic Priest which happened in Australia. ...(*Interruptions*)

After the US elections, a new Government came there. There is a reported increase of this type of racially motivated attacks. ...(*Interruptions*) In US alone, there are nearly seven such incidents. Similar attacks have occurred in Europe and Australia. ...(*Interruptions*)

In the latest reported racially motivated attack, an Indian man from Kerala was assaulted by a group of teenagers in Australia's Hobart city. Li Max Joy was a nursing student and a part-time taxi driver. ...(*Interruptions*) He said that the group of five had hurled racial abuses at him. The attackers reportedly said, 'You bloody black Indians'. That was the word used by the attackers. ...(*Interruptions*)

According to the report, the teenagers had been arguing with MacDonald's staff when he reached the fast food centre but turned their anger on him when they noticed him. He was admitted to the hospital with deep wounds and later lodged a complaint with the police. ...(*Interruptions*)

Li Max Joy also stated that the racial mood is definitely changing in Australis. It is continuously being done now. ...(*Interruptions*) Many other drivers have been abused but not everyone reports it to the police. That taxi driver belong to Puduppalli in Shri Jose K. Mani's constituency. ...(*Interruptions*) He has sought intervention from the Indian External Affairs Ministry. He has also alleged that the Australian authorities were not making serious effort to bring the accused to justice. ...(*Interruptions*)

Last week also, I raised the issue. I thank Shri Ananth Kumar that he replied to it but there has been no follow-up action after that. ...(*Interruptions*) I would like to know whether the External Affairs Ministry has taken any action. The hon. External Affairs Minister is not here. ...(*Interruptions*)

This is a very serious incident. Day by day, these types of incidents are increasing. ...(*Interruptions*) How can Indians be safe abroad? So, the Government should come forward. ...(*Interruptions*) The Prime Minister should also intervene in this matter and take necessary action to stop this kind of attacks. ...(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री राजीव सातव, श्री मुल्तापल्ली रामचन्द्रन और श्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेरवात

को श्री के.सी. वेणुगोपाल द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

â€¦(*व्यवधान*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Jose K. Mani, you can associate.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): Madam, this person Li Max Joy is from my constituency. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: It is not a question of constituency; he is an Indian.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI JOSE K. MANI : No, Madam. It is of concern to me too. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: He is an Indian. That is sufficient.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI JOSE K. MANI : He had sent an email directly to me immediately after this incident. He talked to me over the phone three times. ...(*Interruptions*)

This is not a stray incident. As Shri Venugopal said, last week it happened to a priest who was serving in a Church. ...(*Interruptions*) Now, it has happened in the wee hours of Saturday. He is a working nurse. ...(*Interruptions*) He also works during holidays, weekends, Saturdays, and Sundays. Without any provocation, there was racial abuse on an Indian citizen. ...(*Interruptions*)

Li Max Joy was racially assaulted. This is a very important issue for all the Indians living in Australia. ...(*Interruptions*) It is happening there day after day.

HON. SPEAKER: All of us are worried about it.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI JOSE K. MANI : This is my request to the Government. I spoke to the priest who had been attacked earlier. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. Virender Kumar.

â€¦(लवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: All of us are worried about it.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: No, you will not do that every day.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: No, do not say something like that every now and then.

â€¦(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: All of us are concerned about it but this is not the way to raise it.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL : It is a serious issue....(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप लोग आपस में क्यों झगड़ा कर रहे हों?

â€¦(लवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप लोग बैठ जाएं।

â€¦(लवधान)

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): Madam, hon. Members, Venugopal ji, Jithender Reddy ji and other Members have raised an important issue of racial attacks on our Indians in different parts of the world. It is a matter of very serious concern. Our hon. Minister of External Affairs, Shrimati Sushma Swaraj ji is in regular touch with all these countries, wherever such incidents are happening, at the highest diplomatic level. She is also directly in contact with the victims and their families for rushing immediate relief, help and assistance. It is unfortunate that these incidents are happening. We are with our Indians living anywhere in the world and we will leave no stone unturned and pursue the best efforts so that their safety and security is vouchsafed.