

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding refugee crisis concerning Rohingyas.

SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR): Hon. Speaker, Sir, in the history of the modern world, India is the country which witnessed the most heinous refugee crisis just after the Partition in 1947. Later, we introduced the world view and followed the diplomatic stand, the idea of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*. We are all proud of our tradition of welcoming all to this land. We had a history of protecting the suppressed people. But now we are deviating from this tradition.

Our stand towards the Rohingya refugees is not a part of our beautiful tradition of pluralism. A new India should not be against the humanity. According to the United Nations, the Rohingyas are the most persecuted people in the world. They approach India with a hope. They think that India will protect them because we have the ideas of *Loka Samastha Sukhino Bhavanthu* and *Atithi Devo Bhava*. But our Government is discriminating the refugees on the basis of religion. I wonder how it is possible for us because we teach the world *Manava Seve Madhava Seva*, which means, being in the service of humans is equal to being in the service of God.

The Rohingyas in the entire world are living in a very pathetic condition. The 40,000 Rohingyas in our country are living in a very miserable situation. They do not have proper shelter, sanitation, nutritious food and education. ...(*Interruptions*) I request the Central Government to consider their situation and provide them with basic needs and security to live here. ...(*Interruptions*) I request the Central

Government to start diplomatic interference in the Rohingyas crisis. ...
(*Interruptions*) We need to help them to go back to their country with
full safety. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Sushil Kumar Singh – Not present

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