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Title: Regarding honour killing in the country.

**\*DR. THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN (CHIDAMBARAM):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. I wish to bring to the notice of this august House an important issue. It is a national shame. Honour killings take place throughout the country every now and then. Honour killing is an offence that everyone should be worried and ashamed of. Recently in Tamil Nadu near Mettupalayam of Coimbatore district young girl named Varshini Priya and Kanagaraj, the person who married her, were brutally murdered by her brothers and parents in the name of honour killing. These killings have taken place in the name of caste pride and honour killing.

In Andhra Pradesh at the Pazhamaneri Village near Usurupenda of Chittoor District, Keshav and Hemavathi, belonging to different castes married and after two years of their marriage when the lady was returning home along with her 10 day baby, that lady was brutally murdered by her brothers and parents in the name of honour killing. This is a crime that takes place in the country on a daily basis. I will conclude by reading the Judgement of the Hon. Supreme Court in this regard.

In the year 2018, the Hon. Supreme Court in a historical verdict on honour killing said:

“ It can be stated without any fear or contradiction that any kind of torture or torment or ill-treatment in the name of honour that tantamount to atrophy of choice of an individual relating to love and marriage by any assembly, whatsoever nomenclature it assumes, is illegal and cannot be allowed a moment of existence.”

It has issued some guidelines to both Centre and States. On the direction of Hon. Supreme Court, the Law Commission of India already submitted a Bill named Prohibition of Unlawful Assembly (Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances) Bill, This Bill is pending with the Union Government. I request the Union Government to pass the Bill submitted by Law Commission of India. Thank you Sir.

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