

Re: Strengthening of security in Parliament premises

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF COAL AND

MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI): Sir, we all agree with a heavy heart that the unfortunate incident which occurred yesterday was a serious incident concerning the safety and security of the hon. Members of Parliament.

(Interruptions) We have to appreciate that the hon. Speaker promptly held a meeting with all the floor leaders and listened to their suggestions for further strengthening of security in the Parliament premises.*(Interruptions)* Some of the suggestions given have already been implemented.*(Interruptions)*

The hon. Speaker also observed this morning that further measures will be taken in future to strengthen the security of Parliament.*(Interruptions)* In my opinion, this matter concerns us all and we have to speak in one voice on such a grave national issue.*(Interruptions)* No politics is required to be done by anyone on such issues.*(Interruptions)* हमें दलगत राजनीति से ऊपर उठकर इसमें काम करना है।*(Interruptions)*

14.04 hrs

At this stage, Shri Benny Behanan, Shri Kalyan Banerjee,

Shrimati Kanimozhi Karunanidhi and some other hon. Members

came and stood on the floor near the Table.

Many such incidents have taken place in the past also....*(Interruptions)* I am not comparing past incidents and defending today's incident.*(Interruptions)* But we have to learn lessons from our past for the bright future. ? *(Interruptions)* On 11th April, 1974 ? I am quoting the dates of previous incidents ? one person named Shri Ratan Chandra Gupta shouted slogans from the Visitors' Gallery besides carrying two pistols, one object looking like bomb, and some pamphlets.*(Interruptions)* On 26th July, 1974, Shri Bipalab Basu was caught carrying a dagger hidden on his person trying to enter the Visitors' Gallery.*(Interruptions)* On 26th November, 1974, Shri Satenderjeet Singh, son of Sardar Surender Singh carried explosives and

a dagger hidden on his person to the Visitors? Gallery.(Interruptions) On 9th and 10th January, 1999, consecutively on two days, Shri Badriprasad and Shri Pushpendra Chauhan respectively jumped from the Public Gallery into the Chamber of Lok Sabha.(Interruptions)

Sir, as I have already said, we are not comparing, but these incidents are unfortunately happening. These kinds of unfortunate incidents are happening since beginning ? shouting slogans, throwing papers, pamphlets and even jumping from the Galleries of the Houses. ? (Interruptions) I have got many such incidents. We all understand that the Houses of Parliament are independent for protecting their privileges and immunities for efficient discharge of their functions. ? (Interruptions)

Hon. Speaker is the custodian of the Parliament House Complex, and internal security of the Parliament House is under the purview of the hon. Speaker. I want to emphasise that in the past, such matters have always been dealt with according to the directions of the hon. Speaker and the guidance of the hon. Speaker. ? (Interruptions) This kind of an incident, broadly, can be dealt with in two manners. This incident is clearly a grave contempt of this House and this House has the liberty to deal with this issue as per the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. ? (Interruptions)

From the point of view of violation of other laws, appropriate agencies will be dealing with this incident as per the law of the land. On this, hon. Speaker has already written a letter to the Home Secretary for a high-level inquiry. The inquiry has already been initiated. ? (Interruptions)

सभापति जी, ऑलरेडी इन्क्वायरी शुरू हो चुकी है।? (व्यवधान) पहले भी जब ऐसे इंसिडेंट्स हुए थे, तो उस समय जो कुछ भी सिस्टम, इन्क्वायरी करने के लिए उस समय के स्पीकर्स ने जो कार्यवाही की थी, उसी तरह आज के वर्तमान स्पीकर भी बहुत संवेदनशील है।? (व्यवधान) माननीय स्पीकर ने आदेश दिया है और सरकार भी इसमें बहुत ही संवेदनशील है इसलिए मेरी अपेक्षा है और मैं इन लोगों से सदन की कार्यवाही को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए निवेदन करता हूँ।? (व्यवधान) सब लोग चर्चा में भाग लेने के लिए बैठे हुए हैं। यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण बिल है।? (व्यवधान)

यह विनती करते हुए, मैं एक और बात जोड़ना चाहता हूँ। I am sorry to say that it has become a habit of some Members to politicise all the issues. I, once again, request them not to politicise the issue. ? (Interruptions)

Sir, I would like to bring one more Resolution before this House. ? (Interruptions) _

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14.08 hrs