

## Regarding issues concerning Southern States particularly Kerala

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH):** Hon. Chairperson Sir, I would want to seek your permission to raise an issue concerning the southern States in general and Kerala in particular.

Over the last few days, unfortunately, the landslides in Wayanad have taken away the lives of more than 160 innocent people. Over the last five years, more than 350 people have died due to landslides, disasters and accidents in Kerala. The unbridled and unregulated economic and commercial activities, including quarrying and mining in eco-sensitive areas of the Western Ghats are the primary reasons for this. Many reports were submitted earlier which were rejected successively by the UDF and the LDF Governments in Kerala in the last so many years. ? (*Interruptions*)

माननीय सभापति : माननीय सदस्यगण, प्लीज़, आप सुनिए । मैं आपको बाद में बोलने का मौका दूंगा ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:** Sir, in the last so many years, there has not been any long-term effort that has been made. ? (*Interruptions*)

माननीय सभापति : वेणुगोपाल जी, प्लीज़, बैठ जाइए ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:** Sir, there have not been any long-term solutions that have been thought of to regulate the commercialisation of the Eco Sensitive Zones.? (*Interruptions*)

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Tejasvi ji, just a minute. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister wants to say something.

? (*Interruptions*)

माननीय सभापति : माननीय सदस्यगण, पार्लियामेंट्री अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर बोल रहे हैं । आप मंत्री जी को सुनिए । आप लोग बैठ जाइए ।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति : माननीय सदस्यगण, पहले आप मंत्री जी को सुनिए । उसके बाद आपको बोलने का मौका दिया जाएगा ।

? (व्यवधान)

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU):** Sir, just a while ago, a decision was taken. ?

(Interruptions) Our hon. Member is not aware of it. ? (Interruptions) Venugopal ji, please listen. ? (Interruptions) What is this? ? (Interruptions) Is there some decorum in the House or not? ? (Interruptions)

माननीय सभापति : मंत्री जी, आप चेयर को एड्रेस करके बोलिए ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI KIREN RIJJU:** Hon. Member, Shri Venugopal ji made a request that many Members of Parliament from Kerala and also from other Political Parties would like to speak on the tragic incident due to the natural calamity that happened in Kerala. ? (Interruptions)

So, from the Government side, we also agree to discuss this issue. ....(Interruptions) We went to the hon. Speaker, who agreed to provide time for discussion under Calling Attention today. That is what I was informed. Our hon. Member is not aware of that because the decision was taken very late. That is why I would like to inform that discussion on this matter under Calling Attention is already agreed upon. The discussion will start either at 3 o'clock or 4 o'clock. This will be informed to the hon. House accordingly.

**SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA):** Yesterday, this issue was raised by the hon. Leader of the Opposition. There is no word to express the tragedy which happened in Wayanad, Kerala. People are still trapped. Not many bodies have been recovered. We do not want to politicise this issue. That is why we wanted a response from the Government yesterday itself. We already told that we want a response from the Government.

The people of the State Government, Central Government agencies and all the NGOs are doing rescue work. ....(Interruptions)

माननीय सभापति : वेणुगोपाल जी, जब संसदीय कार्य मंत्री जी ने बोल दिया है कि इस विषय पर चर्चा होगी, जब चर्चा होगी तब आप बोलिएगा ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL:** Sir, allow me to speak for one minute. ....(Interruptions)

It is very unfortunate that a Member from the Treasury Benches is politicising this issue. We are all praying for how many lives can be saved now. ....(Interruptions) On which ground you have allowed him to speak, Sir? ....(Interruptions) I am thankful to the hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister. ....(Interruptions)

माननीय सभापति : इस दुख की घड़ी में पूरा सदन वायनाड के लोगों के साथ हैं ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:** Chairman, Sir, I hail from Chikkamagaluru, which is in the Malenadu Western Ghat region of Karnataka. ....(Interruptions) Thousands of farmers in Karnataka from this region are also affected by the landslide and the rains. ....(Interruptions) Areca nut and coffee growers have lost crops worth thousands of crores. ....(Interruptions) Till today, the Karnataka Congress Government has not given any compensation to these farmers. ....(Interruptions) They do not have any right to raise this issue. ....(Interruptions)

माननीय सभापति : वेणुगोपाल जी, आप बोलिए और अपनी बात को कनक्लूड कीजिए ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL:** Sir, let me conclude. ....(Interruptions) Sir, I can understand it. ....(Interruptions) There is a proverb in Malayalam -

*Ksheeramullorakiddin chuvattilum*

*Chora tanne kothukkinnu kauthukam..*

That means, a mosquito will try to suck blood even from a cow's udder oozing with milk.

माननीय सभापति : मैं दोनो सदस्यों से बोल रहा हूँ, तेजस्वी जी को भी और वेणुगोपाल जी को भी, कि जब चर्चा होगी, तब आप अपनी बात रखिएगा ।

? (व्यवधान)

**SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL:** Sir, I am asking for one minute to be given to me. .... (Interruptions) Sir, the entire country is praying for Wayanad. All the people of India

are praying for Wayanad. ....(Interruptions) The entire world is praying for Wayanad.  
....(Interruptions) Sir, we should avoid politicising the issue. ....(Interruptions)

माननीय सभापति : पार्लियामेंट्री अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर ने बोल दिया है कि तीन बजे के बाद इस पर डिस्कशन होगा, उस समय आपको जो भी बताना है, बताइएगा ।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति : अभी रेल मंत्रालयों की अनुदान की माँगो पर चर्चा ली जाती है ।

श्री टी. एम. सेल्वागणपति जी ।

? (व्यवधान)

**12.16 hrs**