

Regarding safety measures to protect Dalit Reservation

SHRI A. RAJA (NILGIRIS): Thank you Madam, Chairperson. Way back in the year 2010, an enactment was passed in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in the name of the Tamil Nadu Arunthathiyars Act when the late leader Kalaighnar Karunanidhi was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is an embodiment of social justice in the country. That Act was challenged by some people in the High Court, and it went up to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court gave a judgement a few days back that the Act that was passed in the Tamil Nadu Assembly is constitutionally valid. However, some observations have been made by their Lordships when they were disposing the writ petition about the creamy layer theory not only in terms of the economic criterion, but in terms of the generations, that the reservation must be limited to the first generation alone. That has been observed in the judgement.

Madam Chairperson, it is known to the entire House that even the IPS Officer in Haryana was not permitted to sit on the horse for the marriage ceremony. What does it mean? The economic criterion will not be a solution for the social stigma attached to a particular community. So, in order to meet the entire social justice, that Act was enacted. Now, the apprehension is there in the minds of the *dalit* people and Scheduled Caste people that -- because of the observation made by the hon. Supreme Court -- it may prejudice their rights.

I would request the Government that since the judgment was passed by the hon. Supreme Court, the observation is not prejudiced? (*Interruptions*) Madam, please give me one minute. I will conclude. ? (*Interruptions*)

My humble prayer to the Government is to please revisit the judgment or have some safety measures to protect the reservations without any delay.

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