

**Title:** Central Government permission to allow the State run lotteries to continue.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House in respect of a matter which is of vital importance. It has been reported that there is a move by the Central Government to ban the State-run lotteries. If it is done, it would detrimentally affect the interests of all the States and especially, Kerala. In most of the States, the lotteries are being conducted by the respective States themselves. In Kerala, it was started in 1967, and there is a separate Department with Directorate of State Lotteries which is dealing with it. It is giving employment to thousands of unemployed people including handicapped persons... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please take your seats. Kindly allow him to make his point.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, it has been reported that the Central Government is taking a move to ban all lotteries whether it is run by the States or private parties. The Central Government should allow the State-run lotteries to continue. I do not argue for the lotteries run by private parties.

Therefore, Sir, I request the Central Government that they should not proceed further in the matter to ban the State-run lotteries. It is a State subject and the States are empowered to run lotteries according to the provisions of the Constitution of India. The State Government lotteries are being run in a perfect manner.

The hon. Finance Minister may kindly respond as to whether there is any move to ban the State-run lotteries. If it is so, I request that kindly do not do it because it will be detrimental to the interests of the people.

**श्री नागमणि (चतरा) :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय सदस्य मौसा भारती पर आरोप लगा रहे हैं यह हम बर्दाश्त करने वाले नहीं हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

यह हर बात में लालू यादव जी, मौसा भारती का नाम लेने लगते हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

**कुंवर अखिलेश सिंह (महारानगंज, उ.प्र.) :** अध्यक्ष जी, यह बात ठीक नहीं है। ... (व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** आपको भी बुलाएंगे, पहले आप बैठ जाइये।