

13.15 hrs.

**Title:** Urged the Government to make a statement regarding massacre of Amarnath Pilgrims and killings of innocent people of a community in Doda, Kashmir and to adopt all possible security measures.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the abject failure of the Central Government to protect the pilgrims to Amarnath. In spite of the same type of incident that happened last year, the Government have failed to take precautionary measures and they have thrown the pilgrims to the open attack of the militants. The security arrangement has totally failed and 13 people were killed, including two boys from my district. The Government are behaving in a very callous manner not only in handling the situation, but also in taking care of the injured people after the bomb blast. When we tried to contact the Government, they could not help immediately. When we went to Delhi Airport to collect the dead bodies, we found that no BSF official or any other official from the Central Government had accompanied the bodies. We then collected the bodies and sent them to Kolkata.

So, I think, the Government is totally callous and they are mishandling the situation not only with regard to security but also in helping and rehabilitating the injured people who were under attack.

**श्री मोहन रावले (मुम्बई दक्षिण मध्य) :** यहां संसदीय कार्य मंत्री जी बैठे हैं, उन्होंने सुबह कहा था कि गृह मंत्री जी इस पर वक्तव्य देंगे, लेकिन अभी तक नहीं हुआ।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Mohan Rawale, let him complete first and then I will come to you. Please take your seat.

Shri Hannan Mollah, kindly conclude now. There are many other Members who want to speak now.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Sir, I think the Government will make a statement and clarify all these questions.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Adhir Chowdhary, you have to associate yourself with him.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, in a series of stepped-up militant activities Kashmir has, once again, hogged the limelight by the macabre killings of 13 people, including pious pilgrims at Sheshnag on their way to Amarnath, two of whom from my state also, were killed in a bomb blast. The militants had struck again in a village called Chirgi in Doda district.

Sir, it is significant to note that in the aftermath of Agra Summit, the militants have got an extra fillip in unleashing a reign of terror with a view to scaring away the people of a particular community from the Valley. In spite of having well-knit security arrangements, incidents of killing are reported everyday.

Shelling from across the border has also been reported. The caravan of dead is continuing.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please conclude.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY: All these grim incidents are bearing an eloquent testimony that in spite of security arrangements and the much-hyped cease-fire in March, the militants have not at all been defanged. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take all measures to protect the lives of the common people in the Valley.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members listed at serial Nos. 28, 34, 35 and 36 are to associate. Now, Shri Swadesh Chakraborty.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Mohan Rawale, after their association, if you want, I will give you a chance. Now, Shri Chakraborty will speak.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rawale, do not waste the time now.

...(Interruptions)

**श्री मोहन रावले :** उन्होंनेसदन में आश्वासन दिया था। आतंकवादी गरीब लोगों को मार रहे हैं। (व्यवधान)

**श्री प्रियरंजन दासमुंशी (रायगंज) :** जिन्होंने नोटिस दिया है, उन्हें तो पहले बोलने दीजिए। (व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Shri Rawale, you have had your chance.

Shri Chakraborty, you have to associate briefly.

SHRI SWADESH CHAKRABORTY (HOWRAH): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, two boys, who were killed, belonged to my constituency. But what is most important is the cruel attitude of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs towards the victims of that incident. They took no care to receive the bodies. Even the injured persons have not been given the treatment immediately. We had to take care of the injured persons. From Srinagar, they were brought to Delhi. From there, we had to despatch them to Kolkata. No one from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs was present either at Srinagar or Delhi or at Kolkata to look after the dead and other victims. So, I want to draw your kind attention to this unparalleled and cruel attitude of the Ministry of Home Affairs. That is the most important factor.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, I would like to convey my deep sentiments, through you, to the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs so as to convey these to the Minister of Home Affairs. When this incident took place in the Kashmir Valley affecting the Amarnath *Yatris*, the very next morning, I collected all the information about the deaths of Shri Asim Ghosh, Shri Surojit Konar of Howrah and Shri Chanchal Alok and other injured very badly. I sent a fax, since Shri Advani was not available at home – there was a holiday – to his office immediately to escort these people to Kolkata with full medical cover and to hand over the bodies by the Government of India's representative at Kolkata to the families and to arrange adequate compensation, and also full treatment of those persons who were injured. I was assured after two hours by that office that everything possible would be taken care of and I should not be worried at all.

Incidentally, I gathered the information about what had happened. I fully share the concern expressed by Shri Swadesh Chakraborty and Shri Hannan Mollah. What they have said is absolutely correct. It was a cruel treatment. Nobody from the Government of India went to these families escorting neither the bodies nor any compensation or treatment support was there.

Last time, when Amarnath massacre was debated in this very House under Rule 184, under my Motion, there was a positive assurance from the Government that its recurrence in future would be prevented and effective steps would be taken. But nothing of that kind has happened.

I appeal, through you, to the Minister to make a statement about the massacre of Amarnath pilgrims in Kashmir as also about the killing of innocent people of a community in Doda. They have figured in the Prime Minister's statement today. The Minister of Home Affairs must make a comprehensive statement in the House either before the rise of the House today or tomorrow at the first available opportunity. Otherwise, it would be presumed that the Government is not serious about this matter.

**श्री चन्द्रकांत खैरे (औरंगाबाद, महाराष्ट्र) :** उपाध्यक्ष जी, जो विस्फोट वहां हुआ, आतंकवादियों ने अमरनाथ जी के यात्रियों पर जो विस्फोट किया और वह भी वहां मध्य रात्रि को हमला किया और उसमें 6 यात्री मारे गये हैं। उनमें से तीन महाराष्ट्र के थे। मैं आपको यह बताना चाहूंगा कि 13 तारीख को मैं भी यात्रा पर गया था। उस समय यात्रियों में ऐसा डर व्याप्त था कि जनरल मुशर्रफ के जाने के बाद और यदि चर्चा विफल हो गई तो हम लोग यहां से वापस भी जाएंगे या नहीं जाएंगे।

मैं बताना चाहता हूँ कि आतंकवादी अमरनाथ यात्रियों पर और काश्मीर में डोडा जिले में हिन्दुओं पर हमला करने लगे हैं, तो हम लोग चुप क्यों बैठे हैं। आज सुबह शिवसेना के सदस्य माननीय प्रमोद महाजन जी से मिले थे, उन्होंने बताया कि जल्द से जल्द चर्चा प्रस्तुत करेंगे। मैं आपको बताना चाहता हूँ कि अमरनाथ यात्रियों को वहां बहुत असुविधाएँ हैं। जिस प्रकार माता वैष्णो देवी पर जाने वाले यात्रियों के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के माध्यम से व्यवस्था है, वैसी सुरक्षा व्यवस्था यहां के लिए भी होनी चाहिए। भारत सरकार द्वारा यह लक्ष्य होगा, तो वहां इस प्रकार के हादसे नहीं होंगे।

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय :** अब मंत्री जी जवाब देंगे।

**श्री मोहन रावले :** सर, आपने प्रोमिस किया था कि आप मुझे बोलने के लिए समय देंगे।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You have not given any notice, but I am allowing you as a special case.

**श्री मोहन रावले :** महोदय, अमरनाथ यात्रियों पर भी गए साल हमला हुआ था और इस साल भी हमला हुआ तथा श्री चन्द्रकांत खैरे जी ने ठीक कहा है कि अमरनाथ यात्रियों के मन में आतंकवाद की वजह से डर है। आतंकवाद की समस्या पर मुशर्रफ जी ने कहा है कि आतंकवादी अपनी स्वतन्त्रता के लिए लड़ रहे हैं। वे यह संदेश देकर चले गए कि आतंकवाद करते रहो, हम आपके साथ हैं। डोडा में हिन्दू लोग मारे गए हैं, अमरनाथ यात्री मारे गए हैं। इस कीमत पर काश्मीर की कुर्बानी देकर क्या प्रधान मंत्री इस्लामाबाद जाना चाहते हैं? वे आतंकवाद को मानने के लिए तैयार नहीं है। इस बात के लिए मैं गृह मंत्रालय का अभिन्दन करता हूँ कि उन्होंने वहां जाकर परिस्थिति को देखा है। प्रमोद महाजन जी ने कहा है कि स्वामी जी स्टैंटमेंट देंगे। मैं एक बार फिर निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार अमरनाथ यात्रियों के लिए कड़ी सुरक्षा करे। **श्री ( व्यवधान)**

**संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद महाजन) :** उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, आज प्रातःकाल प्रश्नकाल के दौरान शिवसेना के माननीय सदस्यों ने इस विषय को उठाया था। शून्यकाल में उस विषय की पुनरावृत्ति हुई है। शिवसेना के सदस्यों ने जब यह मामला उठाया, तब माननीय गृह मंत्री जी यहां उपस्थित थे। गृह मंत्रीजी ने कहा था, जैसे समय तय होगा, वे सदन के सामने वक्तव्य के साथ आयेंगे। यह मामला सुबह 11 बजे उठा था और उस चर्चा को अभी दो घण्टे भी पूरे नहीं हुए हैं और आज चार बचे हमारी काश्मीर पर चर्चा है। अब उसके पहले स्टैंटमेंट कैसे हो सकता है। **श्री ( व्यवधान)** पहले मैं अपनी बात समाप्त कर लूँ, फिर आप बोलिएगा। मैं आप ही के मुँह पर आ रहा हूँ। अमरनाथ यात्रियों के संबंध में गृह मंत्री जी ने कहा था, इस चर्चा में सदन की प्रतिक्रिया पर वे व्यक्तिगत रूप से चर्चा करेंगे। मैं प्रार्थना करूंगा कि कल वह प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त हो। उसके पहले सदन से समय लेना है।

मोहन रावले जी ने इस बात को सुबह से दो-तीन बार कहा है, हिन्दुस्तान के प्रधान मंत्री काश्मीर की कुर्बानी देकर पाकिस्तान जा रहे हैं। मैं तीखे शब्दों में कहना

चाहता हूँ कि इस प्रकार के प्रश्न...

( व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: That will not go on record.

*(Interruptions)\**

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद महाजन) : इस प्रकार के प्रश्न का मन में आना गलत भावना का संकेत है। ( व्यवधान)

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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)\**

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rawale, please do not waste the time of the House. I have given the floor to Shri Acharia.

*...(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, more than one lakh workers...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please allow him to speak.

*...(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, I have given the floor to Shri Basu Deb Acharia.

*...(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Mohan Rawale, what is going on? This is Zero Hour. You have raised the matter and the Minister has responded to it. It is not a discussion. You are going to have a full-fledged discussion on this in this very House. Please do not waste the time of the House.

Now, Shri Basu Deb Acharia.