

Title: Regarding mercilessly beating up of the two army officers on 29th April, 2000 in an Urdu Mushaira in JNU, Delhi.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have given the floor to Maj. Gen. B.C. Khanduri. Please allow him to speak.

...(Interruptions)

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI (GARHWAL): Sir, I want to bring to the notice of this august House a very serious matter....(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Maj. Gen. B.C. Khanduri says.

(Interruptions) *

*Not Recorded.

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI (GARHWAL): Sir, two army officers had been mercilessly beaten up on 29th evening in the Jawaharlal Nehru University. This is disgusting the way the serving army officers are being treated in this country. What was their fault? They were merely objecting to some anti-Indian statements being made by Pakistani poets who were in this country on the invitation. Just because one of these two officers, who have served in the Kargil also, objected to the anti-Indian observations being made, the hooligans in the Jawaharlal Nehru University started beating them. That officer even said that 'I am an army officer. I do not belong to any political party. Here is my identity. Please do not misbehave with me.' But even after hearing that they were the serving army officers, those hooligans misbehaved and beat them up mercilessly.

Sir, this is something which is unheard of in this country. On the one side we talk of Kargil martyrs and fighters, we talk of our nationalism and on the other hand when our two army officers object to the anti-Indian observations by Pakistani poets, they are beaten up mercilessly.

Sir, I want to bring to the notice of this august House a very revealing fact. This incident takes place on the 29th night at about 1 o'clock in JNU and at 8 o'clock in the morning, the Pakistani TV gives this news. What is this happening? What is the system of information going on there? Were all these activities planted? Was it a deliberate provocation? All sorts of such activities have been going on.

So, Sir, I want the Government to order a high-level independent inquiry to go into this whole incident.

Sir, ten professors of the Jawaharlal Nehru University have already written to the Vice-Chancellor. They have asked questions. Some of the questions that they have asked are: 'Why did they have to hold a night-long *mushaira* when the end-of-semester exams were starting? Who was organising it? About Rs. 1 lakh was spent on this. Where had that fund come from? Who were those people? Why was there no security available?'...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Shri Kirit Somaiya.

...(Interruptions)

श्री साहिब सिंह (बाहरी दिल्ली): उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, वे आई.एस.आई. के एजेंट हैं जिन्होंने मारा है।(व्यवधान)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, it is a very serious complaint....(Interruptions)

The Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union has issued a pamphlet on 30th alleging that the army officers were in an inebriated state. This is a false statement and it is merely made to hide their own rowdy behaviour. If the officers were drunk, they should have been handed over to the Police. I want the Government of India to order a high level independent inquiry and also come out with a statement in the House. A large number of professors of JNU have also written to the Vice-Chancellor asking for an independent inquiry. They have raised certain questions like the *mushaira* was allowed on the eve of end-semester examination. I want to know how much money was spent, what was the source of money and who were the sponsors and why proper security arrangements were not made.

श्री किरिट सोमैया (मुम्बई उत्तर-पूर्व) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपने-आपको इससे एसोसिएट करना चाहता हूँ। जवाहर लाल नेहरू यूनिवर्सिटी में जिस प्रकार से राष्ट्रभक्त लोगों की पिटाई हुई, आर्मी के अधिकारियों के साथ (व्यवधान)

श्री प्रियरंजन दासमुन्शी : सर, रूलिंग पार्टी के चीफ क्लिप ने सीरियस एलीगेशन लगाया है, रक्षा मंत्री खामोश क्यों हैं? (व्यवधान)

श्री रामानन्द सिंह (सतना) : सर, कु. उमा भारती कल भोपाल में कर्मचारियों के लिए आमरण अनशन पर बैठी थीं। उन पर कल रात तलवार और छुरों से जानलेवा हमला हुआ है। (व्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : लिस्ट के नाम खत्म हो जाने के बाद आपको बुलाऊंगा, उससे पहले नहीं बुलाऊंगा।

(व्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : जिन लोगों ने दस बजे नोटिस दिया है, उन सबको लिया जा सकता है, आपको चान्स मिलेगा। अगर आप इन्टरप्ट करेंगे तो आपके खिलाफ कार्रवाई करनी पड़ेगी। (व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have received the notice after 10 o'clock from Dr. Sanjay Paswan, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and Shri Vijay Kumar Khandelwal. Now I call Shri Kirit Somaiya.

श्री किरिट सोमैया : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय खण्डूरी जी ने जो मामला उठाया है, मैं उसके साथ एसोसिएट होना चाहता हूँ। वहाँ जिस प्रकार से आर्मी के अधिकारियों की पिटाई की गई है, उस प्रसंग की पूरी जांच होनी चाहिए और दोगी लोगों के खिलाफ कड़ी कार्रवाई होनी चाहिए। यही मेरी मांग है। (व्यवधान)

श्री साहिब सिंह : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, राजस्थान के जो सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्र हैं, जिनका पार्लियामेंट के मैम्बर्स की कमेटी ने दौरा किया है, उसके बारे में मैं सदन को बताना चाहता हूँ।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या आपने नोटिस दिया है?

श्री साहिब सिंह : मैंने इसके लिए नोटिस दिया है, वह आपके यहाँ समय पर रिस्व हुआ होगा।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : फिर आपका नाम आयेगा।

श्री साहिब सिंह : सर, अब क्या नाम आयेगा, अब तो एक बज गया है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : हम एक बजे के बाद भी बैठेंगे। Please resume your seat. I have given the floor to Shri Basu Deb Acharia. Please don't interrupt now.

श्री रामानन्द सिंह : सर, मध्य प्रदेश में एक मंत्री की हत्या हो चुकी है, 111 लोगों का अपहरण हो चुका है। वहाँ सरकार नहीं चल पा रही है। राज्य की स्थापना का खर्च वहाँ 91 परसेंट है। (व्यवधान)

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक) : आप उनका खत्म हो जाने दो, आपको भी बुला रहे हैं।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : मैंने कहा है कि मैं आपको बुलाऊंगा।

(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Ramanand Singh, this is not the way to behave.