

Title: Requested the Central Government to intervene in the matter of assaults on the journalists and indiscriminate killing of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and the minorities in West Bengal.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY: Mr. Deputy-speaker, Sir, the journalists of West Bengal are observing today as black day throughout the State. I hope the whole House will express its concern on this matter. Just day-before-yesterday, the election to the Uttarpara Municipal Corporation in West Bengal was held and the Trinamul Congress has won 17 out of 24 seats in that election. On that very day, the journalists were beaten up.

Sir, a delegation of NDA had visited the disturbed areas of West Bengal where the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities were being killed at random. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, this is not correct. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, what is this? Please take your seat.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the rules cannot be misused like this. They are bringing up State subjects everyday in this House. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This is about the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities. This is not a State matter. Do not interrupt him. Please take your seat.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Sir, they are taking sides with the landlords and killing people. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Will you please allow Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay to make his submission?

(Interruptions)

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

*(Interruptions)**

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY : Sir, for publishing this news, the journalists and the electronic media people in West Bengal have been brutally beaten up. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record, except what Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay says.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: At this rate, whenever they take up a subject you will interrupt them and whenever you take up a subject they will interrupt you. This is not correct. Please take your seat.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Sir, law and order is a State subject. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rupchand Pal, I told you that it is not a State matter. It is about the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities.

...*(Interruptions)*

* Not Recorded

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY: Sir, we demand the intervention of the Central Government for the protection of journalists and also for the protection of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities in the State of West Bengal. A black day is being observed there today.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is it that the Government of India has to do? Please say that first.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY : Sir, I demand that the Central Government should take all efforts to protect the journalists, the electronic media people and the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities in West Bengal. ...*(Interruptions)* To highlight the principle of parliamentary democracy, the Central Government should

immediately intervene in this matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I have also drawn the attention of the Union Home Minister and the Chief Minister of the State towards this matter. ...(*Interruptions*) I think, a human tragedy like this where the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and minorities have been killed should not be brushed aside. If you want peace in West Bengal, the violence, which is continuing there, should be stopped immediately. ...(*Interruptions*) I raised this matter with the Union Home Minister and the Union Home Minister may call the Members of Parliament representing the State of West Bengal to discuss this matter with them, because a number of people have been killed. ...(*Interruptions*) I think we should not take political sides on this matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री विजय गोयल : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने भी इस विषय पर नोटिस दिया हुआ है।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This is about the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the minorities.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Sir, this is a conspiracy. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rupchand Pal, this has been admitted by the hon. Speaker, because this is not a State subject.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : This has nothing to do with the Schedules Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. It is a law and order problem. ...(*Interruptions*) It is a State subject....(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Will you please resume your seats?

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री विजय गोयल : आचार्य जी, मुझे तो बोलने दीजिए।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I am calling Shri Vijay Goel.

श्री विजय गोयल : मैं इनको बैठाकर आता हूँ।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is this? Shri Goel, you are not to go across like this. You are a senior Member.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : I am sorry, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: It is not a bilateral arrangement that you are doing so.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : श्रीनगर में पिछले दिनों जो प्रदीप भाटिया जी की निर्मम हत्या हुई, उनको कुछ दिन पहले ही हमने श्रद्धांजलि दी है। तब हमने यह कहा था कि पत्रकारों पर जो हमले हो रहे हैं, वे बर्दाश्त नहीं होंगे। विशेष रूप से जबकि सत्तारूढ़ पार्टी यह हमले कराती हो तो यह डिक्टेटरशिप है। मैं अपनी तरफ से अखबार पढ़ रहा हूँ।

"On the heels of Thursday's assaults on journalists at Writers' Building by workers owing allegiance to the CPM"

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...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Goel, this is not related to that matter.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Goel, that is not related to the subject raised by him.

...(*Interruptions*)

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

(*Interruptions*)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Neither Shri Pal's nor Shri Goel's speeches will go on record.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This will not go on record.

(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: It is a different subject.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Sir, I am on the same subject.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This is a different subject. You have mentioned about the threat to reporters in West Bengal. The subject which he has taken up is about the visit of an Indian Delegation to West Bengal where people belonging to the SCs, STs and minorities were killed.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I will call you later on.

श्री विजय गोयल : या तो मैं खत्म कर लेता हूँ या आप मुझे बाद में मौका दें तो मैं बैठ जाता हूँ। (व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Goel, you have already read out so many things.

...(Interruptions)

श्री विजय गोयल : मैं आपको बताता हूँ। जब बंदोपाध्याय जी ने अपना मामला उठाया तो उन्होंने अपने मामले में यह कहा कि पश्चिम बंगाल में पत्रकारों पर हमले हो रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह भी होता है, इसलिए मैंने उसको क्लब किया। अगर आप समझते हैं कि यह क्लब नहीं किया जा सकता और आप मुझे बाद में मौका देंगे तो मैं बैठ जाता हूँ।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : बाद में मौका देंगे।

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Whatever you have said, has not gone on record at all.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I will give you a chance separately.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): It is a very serious situation. (Interruptions)

श्री विजय गोयल : उपाध्यक्ष जी, कुछ दिन पहले श्रीनगर के अंदर पत्रकार प्रदीप भाटिया जी की निर्मम हत्या हुई और हमने पत्रकार प्रदीप भाटिया जी को श्रद्धांजलि दी।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आपने जो सब्जेक्ट दिया है "Threat to reporters" in West Bengal

श्री विजय गोयल : हमने तय किया है कि पत्रकारों पर हमले बर्दाश्त नहीं होंगे और लोकतंत्र की रक्षा के लिए भी यह जरूरी है। लेकिन जब सत्तारूढ़ पार्टी ही यह हमला करायें, तो वह डिक्टेटरशिप हो जाती है। व्हेस्ट बंगाल के अंदर पत्रकारों के ऊपर हमला हुआ।

"Close on the heels of Thursday's assault on journalists at Writers' Buildings by workers owing allegiance to the CPI(M)-controlled Coordination Committee of State Government Employees which left 12 journalists injured, seven journalists sustained injuries today when they were attacked by CPI(M) supporters. "

यह केवल उसी दिन नहीं हुआ। 10 अगस्त को उत्तरपाड़ा हुगली में म्युनिसिपल चुनाव के लिए पत्रकार लोग जब गए, उनके ऊपर हमले किए गए। वह किसी और के नहीं बल्कि सी.पी.एम. के स्टेट स्पोन्सर्ड हमले थे जो उनके वर्क्स ने किए। 8 अगस्त को बंगाली न्यूज एजेंसी के डायरेक्टर को बुरी तरह इसलिए मारा गया कि दो स्कूल टीचर्स की हत्या होने पर वह पुलिस स्टेशन पर जानकारी लेने गया था। 9 अगस्त को इंडियन एक्सप्रेस के कॉर्रिस्पॉन्डेंट को इसलिए पीटा गया क्योंकि ममता बनर्जी जो तृणमूल कांग्रेस की नेता हैं, वह उनकी चमकाइतल्ला मीटिंग को क्वर कर रहा था। यदि प्रेस को स्वतंत्र रूप से काम करने नहीं दिया गया, प्रेस का इसी हिस्से से गला घोंटा गया तो उसे बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जाएगा। इसे लेकर बंगाल में ब्लैक डे मनाया गया। आज दिल्ली जर्नलिस्ट एसोसिएशन के लोग प्रेस क्लब पर धरने में बैठे हैं। मैं पहली बार देख रहा हूँ कि किसी एसोसिएशन ने अपने सर्कुलर में यह लिखा है कि पश्चिम बंगाल में मार्क्सवादी कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी द्वारा लगातार जो पत्रकारों पर हमले हुए, उसके विरोध में यह धरना दिया गया है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि सरकार पत्रकारों के ऊपर हुए हमलों के बारे में बयान दे और सदन को बताए कि पत्रकारों पर हमले कब रुकेंगे? लोकतंत्र की रक्षा करनी चाहिए और प्रेस की स्वतंत्रता होनी चाहिए।

DR. NITISH SENGUPTA (CONTAI): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Vijay Goel. ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : इस सदन के सम्माननीय सदस्य श्री सुदीप बंदोपाध्याय जी ने अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण विषय उठाया है। देश के किसी भी हिस्से में अनुसूचित जनजाति या अल्पसंख्यकों पर अगर हमले हों तो सदन में ये विषय उठाये जाते हैं। आपकी अनुमति से ये विषय उठाये गये हैं।

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA BANKURA: This has nothing to do with the attack on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. ...(*Interruptions*)

This is not proper. What is this?

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : ये मुझे रोक रहे हैं। पिछले कुछ दिनों में बंगाल में इस प्रकार की खबरें आ रही हैं, जिसका जिक्र माननीय सदस्य ने किया है। स्वाभाविक रूप से पूरे सदन को और देश को बंगाल में अनुसूचित जनजाति और अल्पसंख्यकों के ऊपर हमलों की चिन्ता है। मैं गृह मंत्री जी का ध्यान इस विषय की ओर जरूर आकर्षित करूंगा।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Shri V.M. Sudheeran will speak.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri Sudheeran says.

...(*Interruptions*)

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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Sudheeran, Please.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, there is a conspiracy going on here...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, the real conspiracy is killing the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes and minorities. They should take care of that...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record, except Shri Sudheeran's submission.

(*Interruptions*)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Pal, this is very unfair on your part. What is this? You are a senior Member.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Pal, will you please resume your seat. You are a senior Member.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Acharia, I am on my legs. Please take your seat.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Chakraborty, please go to your seat first. Hon. Members, this matter is listed here and the hon. Speaker has given permission for this. I have given my permission for this too.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Acharia, will you please allow me to complete? What is this?

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY : Sir, he is in the Panel of Chairmen and is behaving like this...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Bandyopadhyay, please take your seat.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Pal and Shri Acharia, please take your seats.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have called the name of Shri Sudheeran.