

Title: Regarding an insulting statement made by a Member of Rajya Sabha on North-East India.

SHRI PURNO A. SANGMA (TURA): Mr. Speaker Sir, it is with lot of pain and anguish that I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Speaker, and through you, Sir, the whole House, to the statement made by a very important leader of this country. He has been a Member of this august House, has been a member of the Council of Ministers and currently a Member of the Upper House. He is Shri Eduardo Falerio.

I am not referring to a statement made in the House; I am referring to a statement made outside the House. I am right within the purview of Rule 353. He has stated and I quote:

"Mr. Sangma himself is from the North-East and does not belong to the so-called heartland, mainstream."

To say that North-East does not belong to the mainstream of India is very irresponsible...*(Interruptions)* Let me finish. I will take only one minute...*(Interruptions)* Sir, I must state here that, "to say that North-Eastern region does not belong to the mainstream of India is not only irresponsible but it is also an anti-national statement".

I want to state with all the emphasis at my command that North-Eastern region is an integral part of India.

Thank you Sir...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (SILCHAR): Sir, I want to say something about what Shri Sangma has said...*(Interruptions)*

श्री मदन लाल खुराना (दिल्ली सदर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज दिल्ली में सी.एन.जी. के मुद्दे को लेकर स्कूटर, टैक्सी और बस वाले हड़ताल पर हैं। मैंने इस बारे में आपको लिख कर भी दिया है।*(व्यवधान)*

श्री प्रहलाद सिंह पटेल (बालाघाट) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमने भी नोटिस दिया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: आपको बुलाएंगे।

(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: I have called the name of Shri Khurana.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, what is this?...*(Interruptions)* Sir, about the subject matter, to which Shri Sangma drew the attention of the House, we told him that whoever might have said it, must not have said it. But he is continuously making propaganda all over the country against our leader, against her citizenship. This is not fair...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (GUNA): Sir, this is against the law of this country...*(Interruptions)*