

**Title:** Regarding the incident of violence in the precincts of Orissa Legislative Assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I also join the House in condemning the incident of violence and acts of vandalism in the precincts of the Orissa Legislative Assembly on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2002. Such incidents not only denigrate the institution of Legislatures but also tend to undermine the democratic values enshrined in our Constitution.

Now, we shall take up Papers to be laid on the Table of the House.

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MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Minister of External Affairs has requested that the statement listed for being made today may be postponed and re-listed for 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2002. I have accepted the request.

**14.40 hrs.**