

Title: Regarding surveys conducted by the Delhi Police about the Christian community in the Capital.

SHRI SURESH KURUP (KOTTAYAM): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very disturbing report. The Delhi Police is conducting a survey about the Christian community in the capital. They are asked to fill up a proforma which normally the criminals are asked to do. I would like to know what prompted the Delhi Police to have such a survey made about the Christians.

1210 hours (Hon. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

It was during the last Christmas season that - in the Dang district of Gujarat - systematic attacks were carried out against the Christians and the Churches and during this Christmas season, in the capital city, the Christians are again targeted and a survey is being conducted by the Delhi Police. Again and again in this House this issue is being discussed. The attacks against the Christian minorities are prompted by the Government and by the organizations connected with the BJP and the RSS. The Home Minister should come before this House and make a statement as to whether the Government has given any such instructions regarding this survey. What is the reason for this survey? Are the Christians criminals? May I know whether the Delhi Police considers the Christian community in the capital as criminals? The Christians are asked to fill up a proforma which the Delhi Police usually do with the criminals. What is the reason behind it? ... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, are you associating with it? Then, you only have to say that you associate with the subject mentioned now.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, Sir, to the point which was mentioned by Shri Suresh Kurup. It is a very serious matter. I also associate with that.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right.

">... (Interruptions)

">SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Sir, the Government should make a statement on this. ... (Interruptions) The Home Minister should make a statement on this. ... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please allow me to conduct the House peacefully. Everybody will get a chance. Now, Shri Thomas.

">SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Sir, let me complete.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Yes, complete now. You have to only associate with that.

">SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Sir, hon. Home Minister should make a statement.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right, you have already requested. You have mentioned it.

">SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Sir, it is a very serious and a very important matter.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Suresh, it is important and that is why, it is listed today. Now, Shri Thomas.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, I would associate with it and would supplement one thing.

">There was a Christian delegation which met the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Prime Minister has assured all sorts of protection for the minorities in this country. But just after that - I am sorry to say - this disturbing news has appeared in the papers. ... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Suresh, you have already made your point.

">SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Sir, such atrocities are going on. ... (Interruptions)

">SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, earlier there was a similar survey conducted in one of the States. The matter was raised in this House and the hon. Home Minister was pleased to say that no survey of such a nature will be allowed to be conducted in India with regard to any community because that was not a matter with which the Indian Government was not concerned. So, I think, it is not a concern of the Government. So, it is proper, in the interest of the country, that the Home Minister divulges the real facts in this case, before this House.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (GUNA): Sir, I fully associate with the matter. It is a very dangerous trend. We saw the same thing happening in Gujarat during the Christmas season and we saw the aftermath of that. There is a great sense of insecurity and so, the hon. Minister should make a statement on this. ... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Suresh, every now and then you cannot get up like this and say anything you like.

">... (Interruptions)

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL (PATAN): Sir, during this Christmas season also, there will be severe problems in Gujarat.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You have to only say that you associate with this.

">SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL : Sir, there is one more information. During Christmas only, one organisation has decided to rebuild a Ram Mandir there and it will create a great problem. So, the Central Government should take a serious note of this.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The matters are listed. I am taking up one after the other. Please be patient. Everybody will get a chance.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (PONNANI): Sir, I associate myself with the objectionable survey with respect to Christians.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right. Now, Prof. A.K. Premajam. Madam, please be brief.

">... (Interruptions)

">SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, we would like to have a statement from the hon. Home Minister. ... (Interruptions)

डॉ. रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह (वैशाली) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, ये सब लोग तो एसोसिएट हो गये, लेकिन सरकार इस पर क्यों डिसोसिएट कर रही है ?

... (व्यवधान)

क्रिश्चियन लोगों से क्यों इस तरह से फार्म भरवाये जा रहे हैं

... (व्यवधान)

जैसा व्यवहार क्रिमिनल्स के साथ होता वैसा व्यवहार उनके साथ हो रहा है।

... (व्यवधान)

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">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The Chair cannot compel the Government. If they want to react, it is okay.

">... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, the Minister wants to react. Please sit down.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, you are not allowing even me to speak.

">... (Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN):
Sir, apart from the general survey, there should not be and could not be any survey on a particular community or a religion in any part of the country. However, since the hon. Members have made this complaint, I would bring it to the notice of the hon. Home Minister. The Government is very categorical that apart from the census, there should not be any kind of survey of any community or religion and it should not be done. ... (Interruptions)