

**Title:** Regarding unprecedented hike in the prices of essential commodities.

MR. SPEAKER: Now the House will take up Special Mentions. Shri Suresh Kurup.

...(Interruptions)

डा. मदन प्रसाद जायसवाल (बेतिया) : श्री राजीव प्रताप रूडी के साथ जो घटना घटी है, वह बहुत गंभीर मामला है। (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सबको बुलाएंगे। पहले बैठ जाइए।

(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह ठीक नहीं है। आप सब बैठ जाइए। आपको बुलाएंगे। I have called Shri Suresh Kurup.

(व्यवधान)

SHRI SURESH KURUP (KOTTAYAM): Sir, the Chief Minister of Kerala and the leaders of all the political parties in Kerala are sitting on a *dharna* before the Parliament house, protesting against the unprecedented hike in the prices of essential commodities. As everybody knows, Kerala is a State which has made great achievements in the field of education, health care and reduction in infant mortality rate, with a very low *per capita* income. The basis of all this achievement is that we are having a model public distribution system. Every two kilometres in the State, there is a ration shop so that every poor family in the State could afford one meal a day. This unprecedented hike is going to dismantle this model public distribution system. Instead of replicating this public distribution system all over the country, the Government, with this hike, is dismantling this model public distribution system. This is a very serious matter. I humbly request all the Members of this House, cutting across party lines, especially those belonging to the Telugu Desham, the DMK and the Trinamul Congress, which are the constituents of NDA, to pressurise the Government to withdraw this unprecedented hike, otherwise Kerala will be in doldrums.

MR. SPEAKER: Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Are you also associating with Shri Suresh Kurup?

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, the Leader of the Opposition of the Kerala House and the leaders of all the political parties are sitting on a *dharna*. The Government must respond to this...(Interruptions). Why does the Government not respond?

MR. SPEAKER: You can also associate with Shri Suresh Kurup.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You can also associate with the hon. Member.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I called Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh. Please allow him.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have the list here. I am calling the Members as per the list. Please understand.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : If you disturb the House continuously in the 'zero hour' there will be a problem. Please understand it.