

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, you cannot associate with him without giving a notice. Since they have given notice I told them that they can associate with him.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : I urge upon the hon. Minister, Shri Shanta Kumar to reconsider the decision and help the people of Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : We all associate with Shri Ramesh Chennithala.

MR. SPEAKER : All right. You can also associate with him.

Shri Lakshman Seth.

(Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha) : This is a very serious matter. The whole of Kerala is starving. . . .
(Interruptions)

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (Chirayinkil) : I may be permitted to speak. . . .
(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan, please take your seat. You have given a notice. I already told you that you can associate with Shri Ramesh Chennithala.

Hon. Members, you would be discussing the Budget. You can raise these issues at that time also.

Shri Lakshman Seth.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan, I have allowed Lakshman Seth.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, is this the way to run the House? What is this? I cannot compel the hon. Minister to reply in the Zero Hour. Please understand.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing should go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Lakshman Seth.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (Tamluk) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw your kind attention to a very important issue. The issue relates to the decision of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). . . .
(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please understand that the entire country is watching the proceedings.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Except the speech of Shri Lakshman Seth, nothing should go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH : The ICHR recently have suspended the publication of volumes of "Towards Freedom", edited by Prof. K. Panikker and Prof. Sumit Sarkar. The decision taken by the ICHR and the stand taken by the ICHR are highly objectionable because it is nothing but the intervention and infringement of the rights of the intellectuals and historians. Sir, the Chairman of the ICHR, under the influence of RSS, has withdrawn these volumes. This attempt is nothing but to saffronise education, culture and history of our country. You know, everyone knows that during the freedom movement, the role of the RSS was very much and highly negative and anti-national. . . .
(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Seth, please understand. For the last 15 days you have been raising the RSS and Gujarat issues. No other business is being transacted. What is this going on?

[Translation]

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (Calcutta North West): They have said that this is not freedom in the real sense. . . .
(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH : If you go into the details of the volumes which have been withdrawn, you would see and find that the history of the freedom movement has been written and edited very correctly. . . .
(Interruptions) This is the attempt on the part of the Government to saffronise history, education etc. So, I would request for the publication of the volumes edited by Prof. K. Panikker and Prof. Sumit Sarkar so that the nation can know real history of freedom fighter. This is my submission . . .
(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY GOEL (Chandni Chowk) : Sir, I had given a privilege notice, what happened to that?

MR. SPEAKER : Goel ji, I have not received your notice so far.

(Interruptions)