

**Title:** Reference made to the terrorist attack on Parliament House on the 13th December, 2001. A resolution adopted condemning terrorist attack on Parliament House and condoling death of persons in the attack.

### **The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock**

**(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)**

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as the House is aware, a terrorist suicide squad made a cowardly attack on Parliament yesterday. They managed to enter the precincts of the Parliament House but their attempt to enter inside the Parliament building was thwarted by the timely action of the brave security staff of CRPF, Delhi Police, ITBP and Parliament Watch and Ward Security. While five terrorists were killed by the security staff, one *Mahila* CRPF personnel, four men of Delhi Police and one officer of Watch and Ward of Parliament Security also laid down their lives while keeping the terrorists at bay. One innocent gardener who was on duty also lost his life in this attack. In their death, these valiant security personnel have set the highest standards of selfless courage and bravery. Our hearts reach out to the families of these martyrs in this hour of their supreme personal loss. Several security personnel and other persons including media persons have also been injured in this attack. We wish them speedy recovery.

This is not an attack on Parliament only but on the very freedom of the country. The entire nation has stood as one against such attacks in the past and I am sure it will do so again.

We condemn this outrageous and dastardly act of hate and terror, which has shocked the entire humanity. I have also received messages from several countries condemning this terrorist attack.

On behalf of hon. Leader of the House, hon. Leader of the Opposition, hon. Leaders of all Parties, all the Members of this august House and on my own behalf, I move the following Resolution:

"This House condemns the cowardly terrorist attack on the Parliament House on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2001. The cult of violence and hatred promoted by senseless elements having no faith in democratic institutions has claimed seven innocent lives. Such attacks reinforce our determination to fight the evil of terrorism. Let us rededicate ourselves to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the country at all costs.

This House sends its condolences to the bereaved families. "

I hope the House agrees.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

*The Resolution was adopted.*

MR. SPEAKER: The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.

*(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)*

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MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 1100 a.m.

11.04 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock  
on Tuesday, December 18, 2001/Agrahayana 27, 1923 (Saka).*

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