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Title: Need for Central intervention to check attacks on minorities in Orissa and other parts of the Country.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Sir, there has been very planned and calculated attacks on the minority Christian community in the country recently, and it is still going on. It all started in Orissa from 24 August after the assassination of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswatiji by Maoists. This was the most condemnable and heinous act committed on a religious person, especially, someone the society at large respects and venerates. The person or outfits responsible for this should be brought to book and severely punished.

But what followed was most unfortunate and sad. It was something unparalleled in the history of our country, namely, alleging that the Christian community was behind the killing of the Swamiji. The Sangh Parivar outfits had started a bloodbath by killing people and burning houses, religious places, institutions and everything belonging to the minority Christian community in that State. Now, there is nothing left in Orissa of the Christian community. There has been violence earlier also in Orissa, and I need not narrate about it. Now, this violence has spread to other States like Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, etc.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your demand? Kindly come to the point.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Sir, kindly allow me to come to the point. Kindly give me some more time to speak. ...*(Interruptions)* Nearly, 50,000 people in Orissa have been made refugees in their own State. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): He is not telling the actual position there. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Further, more than 60 people have been killed, and women have been raped. This has been established, and after all this they are alleging that Swamiji has been killed by Christians! The Maoists have repeatedly claimed that they have done it. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : He is only confined to one district. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swain, please take your seat.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : We have been very patient in listening to you people. Therefore, please wait. ...*(Interruptions)* We are also part of this country.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Do you know that the forensic report has come? There is no sign of rape. ...*(Interruptions)* Why are you making these allegations? The Police has gone there, but it was said that ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing more will go on record except the submission being made by Mr. George.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE: Where can we go? We are being treated like this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your demand?[\[r87\]](#)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Now, we have something called a Government in Orissa. The Chief Minister of Orissa has miserably failed in discharging his constitutional duties. In a democracy, the elected Governments are duty bound to protect the lives and property of the people. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Why do you say 'something called a Government'?

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Every democracy protects its minorities. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : The nun is not available and she is not cooperating with the Police. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. George, what is your demand?

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : The Government of Orissa has miserably failed. When the State fails to fulfill its constitutional obligations, the Central Government should act.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your demand?

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SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : The Central Government should take proper action so that further violence does not spread. We demand that the Orissa Government should be dismissed forthwith. Adequate compensation has to be given to those victims who have lost everything. An all-party parliamentary delegation has to be sent to Orissa to ascertain the facts.

â€¦(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record, except the submission to be made by Shri Deepender Singh Hooda.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : If you send a parliamentary delegation, we will welcome it because everybody will then know the actual facts. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy, why are you agitating? You are a senior Member; Mr. Swain, please cooperate with the Chair.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Except the submission of Shri Deepender Singh Hooda, nothing else will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦ **