

Title: Regarding atrocities against minorities, especially Christian community in the country.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN (MUKUNDAPURAM): Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to bring to the notice of the House a matter regarding atrocities against minority communities, especially members belonging to the Christian community who service rural areas in India. They have been facing lots of dangerous assaults and criminal intimidation to their life and properties.

19.19 hrs. (Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

I would cite a number of instances to show that these anti-social elements have attacked and killed the Priests and Nuns, who belong to the Christian community, across the country. In Orissa, recently one Priest was murdered after being beaten and tortured. Again, in Orissa, another Priest was stabbed to death at his home. In my constituency in Kerala, one Father Job Chittilapilly was murdered last year in August 2004. The police could not arrest the murderers till date. In Patna, Bihar, one Vicar General, Father Mathew was stabbed to death. Besides these, a number of educational institutions, hospitals, charity centres and Churches are under attack and looting by goons and anti-social elements.

This creates an insecurity and panic among the members of the minority communities. Therefore, I request the Central Government to intervene and stop these atrocities towards the minority communities and preserve and cherish the harmony among different communities.