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Title : Attack on Christian Minority institution in Kota, Rajasthan.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, I thank you for this opportunity to raise this important matter, and I am very sure that the entire House will join me in condemning the attack on Christian Missionaries at Kota in Rajasthan. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: He has to raise the issue. He is entitled to raise the matter. You are not bound by his statement.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Only his statement will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) *

DR. K.S. MANOJ : Sir, a team of five Members of Parliament had visited the institutions run by the Emmanuel Mission at Kota, Rajasthan, which have been under constant attack by the Sangh Parivar in the State. ...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, the Emmanuel Mission has been working in Rajasthan for the last four or five decades. They run 49 schools in different parts of the State and a Mission Hospital. The Orphanage run by the Mission houses more than 2000 inmates.

The Sangh Parivar has been targeting the Mission for the last five years.

*Not Recorded

The Sangh activists used to create trouble during the annual convention of the Bible College. On 17th February 2006, they have stepped up their attack targeting the members of Christian community and all institutions run by the Emmanuel Mission in the entire State, particularly at Kota. The reason propagated by the Sangh outfits for the sudden spurt of violence against the Mission was the sale of a book 'Hakikath' which alleged to have contents of derogatory comments on Hindu Gods. However, the Mission withdrew the sale of the book and totally disassociated with it. ...(*Interruptions*)

The continuous attack by the Sangh outfits and the role of the State Government clearly manifest the conspiracy to mount attack on the Christian minorities and the issue of the book was only a pretext for their nefarious actions. ...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, the miscreants vandalised the school classrooms, threw petrol bombs at the girls hostel attached to the Emmanuel Mission Hospital and desecrated the statue of St. Paul in the premises of the St. Paul's Senior Secondary School at Kota. ...(*Interruptions*) Even the Orphanage was not spared. The in charge of the Orphanage Mr. V.S. Thomas was attacked and he is presently in jail.

MR. SPEAKER: It is over. Please conclude. Please sit down.

DR. K.S. MANOJ : The role of the State administration is biased, as they did little to protect the members of the community and their institutions. Instead, the State Government cancelled the registration of various societies under the Emmanuel Mission and directed the banks to freeze their accounts. Even the LPG distributor was reprimanded by the Sangh Parivar against supplying gas cylinders to the Orphanage. ...(*Interruptions*) Yesterday in Delhi, the Rajasthan Police took into custody one of the Bishops of the Mission, Dr. Samuel Thomas and his whereabouts are unknown. The situation is very serious and the Christian community in the entire State is in a state of shock and feels insecure. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: He is reading out. Why are you obstructing?

DR. K.S. MANOJ : In this connection, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. A.R. Antulay who has intervened in this matter.

In the above circumstances, we request your immediate intervention and take urgent measures to stop the attacks, ensure safety of the Mission institutions and to instil confidence among the minority communities in the State.

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude.

DR. K.S. MANOJ : Sir, even though the hon. Minister has assured all the assistance, nothing has happened. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. You have finished.

Today, I have allowed 40 matters. Now, I am coming to Item No. 6.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Dr. Manoj, will you sit down?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nobody listens to the Chair. It is despicable.

...(Interruptions)

12.44 hrs.

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