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Title : Regarding apprehension of terrorist attacks on key Indian installations as revealed by National Security Adviser.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, we come to Matters of Urgent Public Importance after the Question Hour. Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I will give a chance to everybody.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats. Mr. Malhotra wants to raise an issue first as he has some other important engagement. Therefore, I have allowed him to speak.

... (Interruptions)

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष जी, अभी क्वेश्चन आवर में इस बात का उल्लेख किया था कि हमारे राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार ने टीवी पर सार्वजनिक रूप से और तीन बार इस बात की घोषणा की cè[ak3]।

He says that :

“There is information that one of our atomic installation is under threat. It is a Lashkar-e-Taeba (LeT) operation.”

Thereafter, this question was asked from him. How serious is the threat to India’s nuclear installations? He said : “Of course, it is a very serious threat.” Further, he says that : “I maybe excommunicated after making this public.”

जो एटॉमिक और न्यूक्लियर इंस्टॉलेशन का मामला है, इसके ऊपर अगर सीरियस श्रेट है और राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार कह रहे हैं तो सदन को इसके बारे में कुछ मालूम नहीं है। हम टीवी में सुन रहे हैं कि उन्होंने वहां क्या वर्शन दिया, क्या कुछ कहा। सदन चल रहा है और इतनी सीरियस बात, चिल्लिंग बात, इतनी भीषण स्थिति बाहर बताई जा रही है। प्रधान मंत्री जी एटॉमिक एनर्जी के मिनिस्टर हैं। क्या उन्हें हाउस को कौन्फीडेंस में नहीं लेना चाहिए? पहले उन्होंने कहा था कि लश्कर-ए-तोएबा के एयर फोर्स में जाने से खतरा है और कुछ लोग प्रवेश कर गए। अभी खबर आ रही है कि बहुत जगहों पर लश्कर-ए-तोएबा के लोग आर्मी के अंदर पकड़े गए, उनको गिरफ्तार किया गया। इसके साथ ही सारे समाचार पत्रों में आया है कि बिग बी, श्री तेंदुलकर और बड़े-बड़े वीआईपीज़ लश्कर-ए-तोएबा के खतरे में हैं। परन्तु सदन को कुछ मालूम नहीं है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या प्रधान मंत्री जी इस बारे में सदन को कौन्फीडेंस में लेंगे कि how serious is a threat? अगर राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा स

वाहकार कह रहे हैं तो खतरा होगा ही। अगर वह गलत बात कह रहे हैं तो उन्हें भी बताएं, परन्तु गलत बात होने का सवाल नहीं है, he is the Prime Minister's National Security Advisor, उनके बिना नहीं कह सकते। यह बहुत ही गंभीर मामला है, बहुत ही सीरियस मामला है, इसमें किसी पार्टी का सवाल नहीं है। इस हाउस को जानने का पूरा अधिकार है कि कितना श्रेष्ठ है और कितना श्रेष्ठ नहीं है।... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Shri Basu Deb Acharia.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please speak one by one.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, the Government may be asked to make a *suo motu* statement on this issue. ... (Interruptions) The entire country is looking at us. ... (Interruptions) Sir, you should advise the Government to make a *suo motu* statement on this issue. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, yesterday 54 people were killed in Lebanon ... (Interruptions)

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Sir, what is this going on in the House? ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have appreciated the importance of the matter.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Acharia, please take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Malhotra, I appreciate the importance of the matter. Therefore, I have allowed you to raise it. The Leader of the House is here, and senior Ministers from the Government are also present here. It is for them to respond. I cannot direct them to respond, and you know about it very well as you have been in the House for long.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Acharia, I will allow you to make your submission after the Leader of the Opposition makes his point as he wants to say something on this issue.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI L.K. ADVANI (GANDHINAGAR): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no doubt that ordinarily the time after the Question Hour is allowed for Members to express concern on an issue. But this is not just an expression of a concern. I think that the Government owes a duty to the House to respond to this point made by my colleague in

the House. What exactly happened in this issue? I am asking this because this is not a small matter. These things have been going on for quite some time. We read in the name of the National Security Advisor certain reports, which distress us immensely, particularly, this matter relating to the nuclear installations. This matter is so serious that the Prime Minister himself should reply. Otherwise, the Defence Minister is present here, and he could also respond on this issue. ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. Hon. Defence Minister wishes to respond.

... (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, I am thankful to the hon. Member, and also the Leader of the Opposition for drawing the attention of the Government to this aspect.

Activities of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taeba (LeT) have been continuously and carefully monitored by our security and intelligence agencies. It has been evident for some time now that the scope of such terrorist activities is on the increase. The information that is available with the security agencies is that LeT module are planning to carry out some strikes against critical infrastructure items, military targets and religious places.

As regards items of critical infrastructure, reports indicate a possibility of a nuclear installation being considered. The Government has taken the information very seriously. A series of special security measures have already been taken, and some are under consideration to prevent any such attempt from succeeding[ak4].

The House must appreciate that it is on the basis of advance intelligence that necessary steps are being taken to protect our vital installations and other high profile targets. I can assure the hon. Members that Government will take all possible steps to see that these attacks do not fructify.

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : महोदय, जायसवाल साहब ने कहा कि ऐसा कोई श्रेट नहीं है। He is a Minister in the Government, and he said that there was no threat at all. How is he saying that? ... (*ब्यवधान*)

MR. SPEAKER: I wish to make a comment. The hon. Leader of the House is here. I wish the Statement had been made here and not outside. I myself wanted to say that. However, the Government have responded, and I am sure that they will keep

that in mind.

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