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Title : Regarding the assertion made by Shri L.Rajgopal that Congress Party is a National Party and is to follow the footsteps and ideas of Mahatma Gandhi .

SHRI L. RAJAGOPAL (VIJAYAWADA): Sir, I would like to recollect the words of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi said "Shun casteism, communalism and racism and adopt [\[bru11\]](#)humanism."

"Humanism" is much beyond any "ism", whether it is "nationalism" or "globalism" or "socialism". "Humanism" is much more beyond all that. The Congress Party is following the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi and is following the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. The Congress Party is a national party, which is reasonable and responsible. That is the reason why whenever an emotional demand comes up, we go by the "reason". ...*(Interruptions)* There were some emotional demands. We are not denying that. People of India are definitely emotional in nature. But the leaders of political parties cannot guide their judgements or act based on emotions or sentiments.

That is the reason, as a responsible national Party, the Congress, appointed a Committee to look into all these aspects in the overall national perspective. Shri Pranab Mukherjee has been appointed as the head of that Committee. The Committee has gone through all these things and worked out how this sentiment should be addressed all over India, in the 29 States. Accordingly the Committee has come forward with the Second SRC. Let us look at the Second SRC and let us address once and for all how this issue should be tackled.

We have not changed colours. We have been consistent. The Congress Party has been consistent. The Congress Party has not betrayed anybody and has not changed its stand. It has been consistent continuously and repeatedly and at all times.

We are not like the BJP. During the 1998 elections, they said: "One vote, two States" in Kakinada. but then they went back on their words. But the Congress Party did not change its words. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is over.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, nobody will be allowed to speak.

*(Interruptions)* \*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Sarvey Satyanarayana will associate with what Shri L. Rajagopal has mentioned.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, I will come to your matter. Once you come here, then your matter will be deleted.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I will call you after this.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI L. RAJAGOPAL : Sir, I offer to resign if they prove that they have been consistent. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Okay.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI L. RAJAGOPAL : We have been consistent, but they are not consistent. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is over. Shri L. Rajagopal, you spoke well.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is over.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Sarvey Satyanarayana will associate with what Shri L. Rajagopal has mentioned.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I call Shri Basu Deb Acharia.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Only Shri Basu Deb Acharia's speech will go on record.

(Interruptions) \*

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\* Not Recorded.

MR. SPEAKER: Nobody understands the agony of the Chair.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: It is over.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: What is happening?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: But this is not your constituency.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, please be very brief.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Sarvey Satyanarayana, your name has been very much recorded. Shri Satyanarayana has associated and strongly supported Shri L. Rajagopal.

...(Interruptions)