

Fourteenth Loksabha

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Participants : [Chatterjee Shri Somnath](#)

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Title: Reference regarding 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India's First War of Independence.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, today a grateful nation is observing the 150th Anniversary of India's "First War of Independence."

The uprising of 1857, a watershed event in India's struggle for Freedom, was the first ever mass upsurge of the simmering yearning for Independence among our countrymen. The revolt that began as a sepoy uprising in Meerut had a cascading effect across the country. This popular and almost spontaneous uprising fired up the imagination of the nation, and such revolts against the British Rule followed in other parts of the country. This event kindled the spirit of *Swaraj*, which spurred the Father of the Nation and other great freedom fighters to lead the Freedom Struggle culminating in Independence 90 years later in 1947. The supreme sacrifices made by the known and unknown heroes of the First War of Independence did not go in vein.

The uprising, which was a collective expression of the determination of the Indian people to end the foreign rule, also exemplified the spirit of unity and religious harmony.

On this solemn occasion, let us all recall with reverence the supreme sacrifices made by all the valiant freedom fighters and rededicate ourselves to the task of maintaining unity and communal harmony in the country.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the martyrs.

**11.01 hrs.**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: How can I hear?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) ... \*

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या आप लोग नहीं चाहते कि क्वेश्चन आवर चले?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Do you not want the Question Hour?

... (*Interruptions*)

**11.03 hrs.**

(At this stage Shri Shalendra Kumar and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table)

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Let me begin the proceedings.

... (*Interruptions*)

**11.04 hrs.**

(At this stage Shri Mahesh Kanodia and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table)

MR. SPEAKER: Please listen to me.

... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: If this happens, nothing is going on record.

... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Do not speak like this. Nothing is going on record.

(*Interruptions*) ...\*

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\* Not recorded.

**11.04 ½ hrs.**

(At this stage Shri Devendra Prasad and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table)

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 12 noon.

**11.05 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve of the Clock.*

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**12.00 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve  
of the Clock.*

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

श्री सैयद शाहनवाज़ हुसैन (भागलपुर): बिहार के बारे में शीला दीक्षित को बर्खास्त किया जाये।... (व्यवधान)

**12.01 hrs.**

(At this stage Shri Syed Shahnawas Hussain, Shri Rabinder Kumar Rana and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : हमें एक एनाउंसमेंट करने दीजिए। हमें चेयर से एक दूसरे विाय के बारे में एनाउंसमेंट करनी है। Kindly allow this.

... (Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह इस विाय के बारे में नहीं है, दूसरे विाय के बारे में है।

... (व्यवधान)

**12.01 ½ hrs.**

(At this stage Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, Shri Rabinder Kumar Rana and some other hon. Members went back to their seats.)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as you are aware, a function is being organised today.

... (*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जरूर है, बहुत बढ़िया कंट्रीब्यूशन है। We all respect it.

... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : हमको एक दफा बोलने दीजिए। दूसरे विषय के बारे में हम एक एनाउंसमेंट कर रहे हैं।