Title: Need for speedy investigation by CBI into reported murder of sister Abhaya and Father Job Chittilappilli.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN (MUKUNDAPURAM): India's largest Christian population is in Kerala. Fifteen years have past since sister Abhaya was murdered in a convent in Kottayam and three years have past since father Job Chittilappilli of Thiruthiparamp Church, Irigalakuda diocese was murdered. This is the first time in the history of Kerala that a nun and a clergy man were murdered. The CBI is inquiring into both these cases. But they have not been able to find out the culprit. It is a paradox that though the CBI found out that sister Abhaya's death was a murder they could not track down the culprits. The progress of the father Job Chittilappilli murder case has also come to a stand still.

The people have strong resentment over this delay since the two murders had shocked the conscience of the people in Kerala. Therefore, I request that the Centre should immediately intervene and see to it that the culprit of the murders are brought to book.

<sup>\*</sup> English translation of the speech originally delivered in Malayalam.