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Title: Regarding increasing incidents of attack on Christian minority institutions in the Country.

DR. K.S. MANOJ : I rise to express my deep anguish and protest against the increasing incidences of attack on Christian churches, Convents and other Christian minority institutions in different parts of the country and strongly condemn those heinous acts on the part of the religious Fundamentalists.

Article 25 of our Constitution guarantees the Right to Freedom of Conscience and the right freely to profess .practice and propagate religion. Ours is a secular democratic republic country but Christian minority in the country is frequently attacked in a concerted way.

Sir, Christians are a very micro-minority in this country which come to about only 1.3 per cent of the population. Their dedicated contributions in the field of education, health care, social services are remarkable and I am sure that everybody would appreciate it. They always reach out where nobody dares to reach like in the areas of tribals, adivasis, or for the care of HIV-AIDS or leprosy patients etc. But in spite of all these yeomen services they are subjected to torture, atrocities and brutal attack from those religious fundamentalists.

Sir, what happened on the Christmas Eve was highly condemnable and shameful to our country. It has caused a deep wound to the secular fabric of our country. In Khandhamal district in the State of Orissa on 24th evening while the Christians were preparing for their holy pooja to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, some miscreants of fundamentalist nature attacked the priests, nuns and all the people assembled there to celebrate the holy pooja and they set fire to the church. It was repeated in several parts of Orissa which made it clear that it was a concerted effort....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI B. MAHTAB : This is not correct at all...(*Interruptions*)

DR. K.S. MANOJ : Again churches were attacked in Madhya Pradesh ,Rajasthan and Arunachal Pradesh.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is your demand?

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान (देवगढ़) : सर, उन्होंने गरीब आदिवासियों का हक छीनने की कोशिश की है। ...(व्यवधान)

DR. K.S. MANOJ : Last week three churches in New Delhi were attacked. All these show the increasing trend of attack on Christian minority...(*Interruptions*) Christian community in the entire country apart from the States of Kerala and West Bengal are in a state of fear and insecure. ...(*Interruptions*) I would urge upon the Government to take prompt action against the culprits ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*)* â€

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is your demand?

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान : आपने आदिवासियों का अधिकार छीनने की कोशिश की है। ...(व्यवधान)

DR. K.S. MANOJ : I would urge upon the Government to provide adequate security for the Christian institutions which are under threat from the attack of fundamentalists thereby ensure them a sense of security and guarantee the religious rights of Christian Minority enshrined in our constitution.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please sit down. Now, nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€ *

SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA (BOBBILI): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise to make a mention...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI B. MAHTAB : Sir, the hon. Member has used derogatory words. How can he say all this?...(*Interruptions*) He should withdraw these words....(*Interruptions*)

* Not recorded

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : अगर कोई ऑब्जेक्शनेबल बात होगी तो उसे निकाल दिया जाएगा।

...(लवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Acharia, nothing is going on record.

(Interruptions) अँ'*

श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान : इन्होंने उड़ीसा के ऊपर आपत्तिजनक बात कही है।...(लवधान)

श्री बसुदेव आचार्य (बांकुरा) : उड़ीसा के ऊपर नहीं, हिंदू फंडामेंटलिस्ट-फोर्सेज के ऊपर कहा है।...(लवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Acharia, please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आप बैठ जाइये, अगर कोई ऑब्जेक्शनेबल बात होगी तो उसे रिकार्ड से निकाल दिया जाएगा। यह मैंने कह दिया है।

श्री बसुदेव आचार्य : कुछ भी ऑब्जेक्शनेबल नहीं है।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: That I will see.