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Title: Issue regarding agitation against formation of separate state of Telengana State.

SHRI ARUNA KUMAR VUNDAVALLI (RAJAHMUNDRY): Madam, I would like to bring to the notice of this august House what is happening in Andhra Pradesh – Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema. For the last more than 30 days the entire human life is paralysed, no office is functioning, no shop is opening, no school is opening. The whole situation is paralysed.

I go 41 years back when in 1972 there was a similar agitation in the same area. I, as an 18 year old student, was detained for more than a month in the Central Jail for having participated in an agitation asking for a separate State. Now the situation is different; it is asking for Andhra Pradesh to continue as it is. I wish to bring to your notice what has happened in these 40 years. In 1972 the Supreme Court had said that *Mulki* rules were valid. Immediately, Seemandhra, Rayalaseema and Andhra area people said that they do not want to live in their own capital as second-rate citizens because *Mulki* was for the natives and the capital was for the entire State. We asked for a separate State. We did not raise any demand on capital or anything else. We just said, please give us another State, we will go away.

But, after the biggest agitation of 108 days, Madam Indira Gandhi raised it in this very same House in her capacity as the Prime Minister and I wish to bring to your notice what she said. I quote:

"Sir, Parliament represents the will of the whole nation." ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग क्या कर रहे हैं? बैठ जाइए।

...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : कृपया आप सभी बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

SHRI ARUNA KUMAR VUNDAVALLI : She further said:

"Its duty is not merely to go into the rights and wrongs of a situation, but also to view problems from the national point of view."

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: You finish it now.

SHRI ARUNA KUMAR VUNDAVALLI : She also said.....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Shri T.R. Baalu.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: It is over now. I have moved on to Shri T.R. Baalu.

...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : कृपया आप सभी बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing else will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€¦\*

