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Title: Issue regarding bifurcation of the State of Telangana.

*SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI :- Hon. Chairman Sir, I would like to thank you on behalf of people of Andhra Pradesh, for allowing me to bring to the notice of the House, the agitation going on in our state for the last few days, in the wake of sensitive Telangana issue. Sir, when the decision to bifurcate Andhra Pradesh was made, people throughout the state erupted in emotions. Telugu speaking people were living together in one state and now they are feeling that they have to leave their motherland, because of this decision. Around 5 crore people from seemandhra region are agitating, irrespective of their caste or community and are demanding united Andhra Pradesh for the last 36 days.

Through this opportunity, I would like to draw the attention of the House, and would like to express the feelings and emotions of people of my state. I request UPA Government to understand these feelings and especially Smt. Sonia Gandhi on whom we have profound faith. I request through you that there is a need to remove this feeling of insecurity amongst people of Andhra Pradesh. Sir, please give me two minutes. Sir, Andhra Pradesh is known as Annapurna- the rice bowl and around 75% of our population is farmers. Most of them are small and marginal farmers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have made your point.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI: Sir, when we compare other states, the capital cities are for administrative convenience, whereas, Hyderabad is not only a capital city, it is also an economic centre, education hub and a centre for many activities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are raising your issue in Zero Hour. In Zero Hour, you know your limitations. I have given maximum time to you, Madam.

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Telugu

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI : Please, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Only half-a-minute.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI : Sir, I would like to submit that Hyderabad was considered as our own city and accordingly it was developed by people of Andhra Pradesh. There is a need to understand the agitation that is going on in our state. Opposition parties are politicizing this issue. Sir, I am a lady member from Vizianagaram.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. Thank you.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, you have expressed your feelings. Now, Shri Anurag Thakur ji.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI : Kindly give me time, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now you have made your point. Nothing will go in records.

(Interruptions) ❗