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Title: Regarding alleged incident of assault by CRPF and Delhi Police on Members of Parliament.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): Madam, with deep pain and anguish, I would like to draw the attention of this august House, the Government and the hon. Speaker to a shocking incident of assault by CRPF and Delhi police on me and another hon. Member of the other House, a senior aged hon. Member of the other House.

Madam Speaker, on 14th February by around 4.30 p.m. we were waiting for a car, which was sent from the Kerala House, in front of our home in the V.P. House in Rafi Marg. At that time we saw a group of North East students being attacked by CRPF right in front of the V.P. House. We were witnessing that. Then, as responsible Members of Parliament and as responsible representatives of the people, we went there and asked the police, "Why are you brutally attacking these innocent students?" We introduced ourselves and we showed our Identity Cards. We told them that we are the Members of Parliament. Despite that, they caught our collar and dragged us on the road, and they thrown us inside the bus. I was hit with *lathi* just below my chest and I was beaten on my right leg, and then they abused us, insulted us and threatened us. This is shocking. They told us: "You all MPs are criminals". They abused us like anything. Then, we were taken to the Parliament Street Police Station and there we saw a group of students, most of the girl students from the Delhi University and many other Universities. They complained to us that the male police not only attacked them but also they sexually harassed them. They pointed out who are the responsible police officers. Some students were present there. They complained that these people even sexually harassed them.

Then, senior leaders and Members of Parliament came; the police officials apologized to us and we were released after one hour.

I do not accept their apology because it was an insult and it was a blatant violation of privilege.

Madam Speaker, what we did was in the true spirit of the concern expressed by this House a few days ago.

Madam Speaker, the other day, you made an announcement from the chair condemning the attacks on the North-Eastern students; and the entire House, despite various other differences, unanimously accepted that announcement.

I believe that I also acted in the true spirit of that condemnation of this House. It was proper for me...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: All right.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH : Madam, give me just one more second. I want to conclude...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Just one minute. I want to speak. What is this? I want to speak from the Chair.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI M.B. RAJESH : Madam, let me conclude

MADAM SPEAKER: Please sit down. I want to speak from the Chair. I want to speak on behalf of all of you from the Chair.

Let me speak because I want to really condemn this incident on behalf of the whole House unequivocally. It is concerning the safety and the dignity of the Members of Parliament – Members of this House -- and also the safety and dignity of all the people – young, old of North-East -- and also of the women and girls of our country.

So, we have taken cognizance of it. You please send me a written complaint. I will take action on that.

I would now request the hon. Minister to kindly respond.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI KAMAL NATH):
Madam.....(*Interruptions*)

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SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (GUWAHATI): Madam Speaker, I want to bring it to your notice that nowadays, North-Eastern students and other North-Eastern people who are doing jobs in Delhi, have been issued urgent notices to vacate their residential houses.

Madam, as we also know, the North-East comprises of seven States and Sikkim has also joined them. The important point is that thousands and thousands of students and other people from the North-East are here in Delhi for better education, for better facilities and better jobs. But now, all of a sudden, they have been given notices to vacate their houses.

You know that there is already a sense of alienation in the minds of such people. If such things happen, what will be their fate? The entire North-East is surrounded by the foreign countries. China is already increasing its activities in Arunachal Pradesh. Myanmar is now a hub of extremists. So, if such things happen here, where will the people of North-East go?

That is why we urge, Madam Speaker, that you must come to the rescue of the North-Eastern people. Your intervention will only help them.

MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, what the hon. Member has said.....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Minister is responding. Please listen to him.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Please address the Chair.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, what the hon. Member has said is deplorable and condemnable; and I think the strictest possible action should be taken against the those police officials. ...(*Interruptions*)

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SHRI KAMAL NATH: This House is concerned.....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: I know it is a very sensitive matter.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL NATH: This House is concerned about what is being happening with those from the North-East -- young and old. The Government is seized of this matter. I would request that as soon as this Report from the hon. Member about the incident, which, I repeat, is deplorable and condemnable is received, I will request the hon. Home Minister also to take the strictest possible action against those officials for the misbehaviour and also for the attitude and approach towards the North-Eastern students.

MADAM SPEAKER: And, the girls.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Yes, of course. It is incumbent upon us to stand by them at this point of time.

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Shri Sharad Yadav.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Those who want to associate themselves with this incident, they may send the slips; and their names will be associated.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: The names of Shri Badruddin Ajmal, Shri Prem Das Rai, Shri Jitender Singh Malik, Shri P.L. Punia, Shri Khagen Das, Shri Joseph Toppo, Shrimati Jaya Prada, and Shri Lalit Mohal Suklabaidya will be associated in connection with the issues raised by Shri M.B. Rajesh and Shrimati Chakravarty.

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