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Title: Need to include Dalit Christians in the list of Scheduled Castes.

SHRI T.R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR): Madam, some time back, hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and my leader, Dr. Kalaingar Karunanidhi, had written a letter to the Government of India ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप कृपा कर के बैठ जाइए। उनके नोटिस आए हैं। जीरो-ऑवर चल रहा है। आप ऐसे बीच में क्यों व्यवधान डाल रहे हैं। कृपया इस प्रकार से व्यवधान मत डालिए।

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Madam, requesting the Government of India to consider that dalit Christians, ...(*Interruptions*) who have converted themselves to Christianity and adopted Christianity, are treated at par with the Scheduled Castes. ...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri T.R. Baalu is saying.

(*Interruptions*) अरे! *

SHRI T.R. BAALU : So, whatever reservation they were enjoying before the conversion, should be given to the converted Christians also.

Madam, casteism prevails not only in India, but also in the pre-independent territories like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Burma and some places of Pakistan. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

अरे! (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : इनको समाप्त करने दीजिए।

अरे! (व्यवधान)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव : सरकार की तरफ से जवाब आना चाहिए। ...(*व्यवधान*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

अरे! (व्यवधान)

SHRI T.R. BAALU : But at the same time, the people belonging to the Hindu caste are converting to Christianity because of social stigma attached to the caste system of Hinduism.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri T. R. Baalu is saying.

(*Interruptions*) अरे! *

SHRI T.R. BAALU : In Geeta's, Chatur Varna Maya Shristam as God has said, four caste system has been created by Him. ...(*Interruptions*) The Purusha Suktam of Chapter 10 of Rigveda says that those who are born out of the God's head are Brahmins; those who are born out of the shoulders are called Shatriyas; those who are born out of the hip of the God are called Vaishyas; and those who are born out of the legs are called Shudras. The dalits are not having any place in the God's wordings itself. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : इनको बोल लेने दीजिए।

अरे! (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : इनको बोल तो लेने दीजिए। आप बैठ जाइए।

अरे! (व्यवधान)

SHRI T.R. BAALU : This is what Rigveda says. ...(*Interruptions*) Since stigma is attached to caste system, the dalits are embracing and adopting Christianity. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप लोग बैठ जाइए। आप लोग बोल लिए हैं, तो फिर क्यों खड़े हैं?

â€¦(लवधान)

SHRI T.R. BAALU : As per Article 15 of the Constitution, the State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them. How can their social status become different overnight just by virtue of their adopting a religion? ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : इनको बोल तो लेने दीजिए। आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(लवधान)

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Hence, as requested by our Leader Dr. Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi, the Government of India should definitely come forward with some measures for the dalits who have adopted and embraced Christianity, and they should be treated at par with the Scheduled Castes. If a Constitutional amendment is necessary for this purpose, then the Government of India should bring forth and see that they are given this status. Thank you, Madam. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : डॉ. रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह, आप बोलिए।

â€¦(लवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(लवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : जीरो ऑवर चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(लवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आडवाणी जी बोल लिए, सुषमा जी बोल लीं, अब आप लोग बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(लवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: You cannot dictate things to me.

...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप बोलिए।

â€¦(लवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: I cannot force them to respond.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: No, nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€¦*

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप अब क्यों नहीं बोल रहे हैं?

â€¦(लवधान)