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Title: Issue regarding obstructing the Leader of Opposition while speaking and giving importance and respect to the office of the Leader of Opposition.

**श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (गांधीनगर):** अध्यक्ष महोदया, मैं स्मरण दिलाऊंगा कि हिन्दुस्तान के इतिहास में एक ही अधिवेशन पर हम पूरी तरह से चर्चा नहीं कर सके। उसका एक कारण यह था कि पहले ही दिन श्रीमती सुषमा जी को नहीं बोलने दिया गया। विपक्ष के नेता को इस प्रकार से बोलने से रोकना और पूरे के पूरे सरकारी दल के लोग खड़े होकर...(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया:** आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी :** अध्यक्ष महोदया, मैं आपसे निवेदन करूंगा, हम लगातार कहते हैं कि हम कोई भी संवैधानिक संकट पैदा नहीं करेंगे। हमने श्री पूणब जी को भी कहा, आज सुबह श्रीमती सुषमा जी ने भी कहा कि हम कोई फाइनेंस बिल को रोकने की बात नहीं करेंगे, इस बारे में हम सोच ही नहीं सकते। हम चाहेंगे कि फाइनेंस बिल पास हो, लेकिन अगर विपक्ष के नेता को बोलने नहीं दिया जाएगा तो स्वाभाविक रूप से प्रतिक्रिया होगी।

अध्यक्ष महोदया, आपसे निवेदन है कि इस मामले में आप संरक्षण दें, विपक्ष की नेता जब भी बोलना चाहे, जैसे प्रधान मंत्री जी बोलना चाहे, सदन की नेता बोलना चाहें तो आपका संरक्षण देना कर्तव्य है।...(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦\**

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing would go on record except what Shri Bansalji is saying.

*(Interruptions) â€¦\**

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** रघुवंश बाबू आप कृपया बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** श्री पवन कुमार बंसल जी को बोलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** रघुवंश बाबू आप बैठ जाइए। मंत्री जी कुछ कहना चाह रहे हैं।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** आप लोग भी बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing would go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦\**

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** जगदम्बिका पाल जी, आप कृपया बैठिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** रघुवंश बाबू आप बैठ जाइए। कुछ भी रिकॉर्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है।

*(Interruptions) â€¦\**

**अध्यक्ष महोदया :** श्री हुवमदेव नारायण यादव जी, आप बैठ जाइए। यह क्या हो रहा है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing would go on record except what Shri Bansalji is saying.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Madam, I wish to assure the House, you and Mr. Advani that the Government gives utmost importance and respect to the Office of the Leader of the Opposition. It is never the endeavour of any Member on this side to obstruct the Leader of the Opposition when she speaks. Rather, it is quite disappointing to learn that the last Session, as Mr. Advani says, was washed out only because of some perceived feeling that it was the Members from this side who did not let her speak. It was not so. We give utmost importance to the Office of the Leader of the Opposition.

Rather, it has been our experience that after interventions are made from that side, maybe by the Leader of the Opposition, maybe by Shri Advani or maybe by anybody else, the Members are asked to rush to the Well of the House and we cannot proceed further. Rather on many occasions our Members have been deprived of their right to speak.

Madam, the Parliament is for discussion and we want discussion on every issue. We have always said that any issue which you agree and anything which is permissible under the rules may be taken up for discussion. We always say that. From where do they draw this presumption? Madam, in a debate often you would find that when some Member speaks, there are some interruptions. Now to come to a finding and to come to a conclusion on your own that the Leader of the Opposition is not being permitted to speak is not fair. And only on that ego was the entire House washed of last Session? Is that reasonable to say? We have been told today and the country is being told today that there were some interruptions in the speech of Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, the hon. Leader of the Opposition, and that led to the washing of the entire Session. Is that how we should function? We often find it and we often see that when somebody stands up, there are always interruptions. I would request everybody, of course, anything they wish to say, they would have the right and you have always accorded that right to them; but to accuse us of that would not be fair on their part. Rather I would appeal that after the Leader of the Opposition speaks the right may be given to us also to rebut what she says. That is the essence of democracy. Parliament is all about discussion. Where are they saying it from...(*Interruptions*)