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Title: Regarding atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country.

*SHRI THOL THIRUMAVALAVAN (CHIDAMBARAM): Hon'ble Madam Speaker, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for giving me this opportunity. In India, the population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is more than twenty five crores. They had to rely only on the Government and the law of the country for their survival. But, even after 65 years of Independence, caste atrocities are increasing day by day. The life of Dalits is unsafe. I would like to cite some recent incidents of caste violence against Dalits.

In a village by name Lakshmi pet at Srikakulam, in Andhra Pradesh, some Dalits belonging to 'Malla' community had involved in agricultural activity in Government-owned land. Due to their involvement in such activity, they had been attacked by some casteists belonging to 'Kappu reddy' community, a few months ago. These 'Kappu reddy' community people had entered the streets of Dalits and had attacked them instantaneously. Five Dalits had been killed in this attack. The entire village had suffered bloodshed. I had visited the village to give consolation to the victims of casteist violence. Such atrocities are increasing day by day, in every state.

Recently, three Dalit villages by name Natham, Anna Nagar and Kondampatti, had been attacked in Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu. More than three thousand casteists had vandalized these three villages. They had destroyed the villages in large-scale arson and looted much of their property. They had committed these acts in broad day light. They had entered these villages around 4 p.m. in the evening and their vandalism had extended till 10 p.m. at night. That is, they had involved in destruction continuously for six hours. They had caused heavy damage to the properties of Dalits deliberately. Three villages were severely affected. The police department did not take any preventive step to protect the Dalits. Still people are unable to reside in these villages. Law and order is severely affected in Tamil Nadu. In fact, law and order is paralysed in Tamil Nadu. Dalits are unsafe. Dalits are affected everywhere in the country.(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri P. Lingam is also associating with Shri Thol Thirumaavalavan.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): Madam, the police of the State Government has taken action....(*Interruptions*) His statement is wrong and he is misleading the House....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

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*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen
of the Clock.*

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