HON. SPEAKER:

Title: Issue regarding attack on Christian churches in Delhi.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam, I would like to place a very important issue before this House. I am very sorry to say that within nine weeks, five Christian churches were attacked in the city of Delhi. In the last Session also, we had raised the issue. The Home Minister had come in the House and promised that a special team would be set up and necessary action would be taken. I am sorry to say that even after that, four churches were attacked. I do not know why the Government is silent on this issue. It is not merely to take some money from the churches. But, there is really a very big apprehension among the people, especially the minority people in the city. It was not done in the very interior places of India, but it was done in the heart of Delhi, that is the Capital city of India. So, really, the minorities, not only in our country, in Delhi but in other places also are very anxious and apprehensive with regard to this issue.

The Prime Minister has come out with an address condemning it last week but, at the same time, five churches were attacked and no one was arrested. I want to get the reply from the Government as to what action the Government is going to take. The Home Minister has promised in this House that he would take all measures, but no action has been taken. You see, within nine months, five churches were attacked. So, I can imagine that within five years how many churches would be attacked. So, what action the Government is going to take? What is the present position as far as the investigation is concerned? The Home Minister said that a special team is set up. Then, what is its report? The Government should come, the Home Minister should come in this House and make a statement as to what is the present situation and what action the Government has taken in this regard. ...(Interruptions)

Shri P.K. Biju,
Shri Innocent,
Shri M.B. Rajesh,
Adv. Joice George,
Shri Jose K. Mani,
Dr. A. Sampath,
Shrimati P.K. Shreemathi Teacher and
Shri Md. Badaruddoza Khan are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P. Karunakaran.
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