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Title: Need to take steps to stop alleged racial discrimination, sexual harassment and attack on people from North Eastern states of the country.

श्री बदरुद्दीन अजमल (युवरी): माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदया, आपने मुझे एक महत्वपूर्ण विषय पर बोलने का अवसर दिया।

अध्यक्ष महोदया : कल इस पर चर्चा हो चुकी है।

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL: Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards a pathetic, barbaric and condemnable incident of alleged 'racial attack' on a student named Arbaz Uddin Ahmed from Guwahati, Assam in Delhi by his neighbours in such inhuman manner that he is battling for his life in hospital while guilty are yet to be arrested. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : यह मामला कल ही उठ चुका है।

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL: Arbaz Uddin Ahmed has been living at a rented room in Amar Colony of Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi for preparing for IAS examination. As he was living alone, his some neighbours often passed racial comments against him. It seemed that they were finding reasons to provoke him but he always overlooked the issue. On 4th March, he was standing at the balcony when a group of four, five persons came to him and started beating him with giving reason that the victim used to eat chicken etc., a dish of the non-vegetarian meal in his home despite several warnings. They have beaten him so badly that his legs, hands and several other parts including teeth were fractured. Initially, the police refused to register an FIR against the attackers. Later, an FIR was lodged and he identified the culprits but no arrest was made even after five days of the incident.

I would request the hon. Home Minister, through this august House to look into the matter seriously and order an inquiry and immediate action may be taken against those who were involved in the racial attack on Arbaz Uddin Ahmed to avoid any such heinous incident in future. Arbaz Uddin was the student from the North-East. There are other students from the North-East who are facing such attacks. They are facing these attacks on their lives. I remember last year, a 19 year old Arunachal Pradesh student Nido Tania was killed in racial attack in this very Lajpat Nagar area of Delhi. The Committee set up after the death of Nido Tania revealed that the national capital is on the top in racial discrimination against people from northeast region. Thousands of people from northeast regions, both men and women, boys and girls are living here to pursue education and earn livelihood. Despite assurance by the Government, racial discrimination, sexual harassment and attack on the students and people of northeast region has not stopped. This is a very serious matter. Such things should not happen.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Jitendra Chaudhury, Shri Sankar Prasad Datta and Shri Radheshyam Biswas are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Badruddin Ajmal.