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Title: Need to strengthen security at all ATMs in the country.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDRY): Respected Madam, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak on an issue of urgent public importance.

I would like to raise an important issue about the need to enhance security cover at ATMs across the country. There has been a rise in regular attacks against people seeking to withdraw cash from ATMs and security personnel guarding such ATMs.

Everyone would be well aware of the attack on a woman in Bengaluru, a year ago. We, the hon. Members, are also aware that very recently, in our National Capital, in Kamla Nagar area of North Delhi, some robbers attacked a security guard manning the ATM and ran away with cash from the ATM. The security guard was killed in the attack. There have also been cases wherein ATM machines also have gone missing.

Madam, I would request the hon. Home Minister to take note of rise in such attacks and strengthen the security at ATMs; and bring a suitable law to prevent such incidents. I would also request the hon. Home Minister to address the problems of such security guards posted at various ATMs; and also help the families of such victims, by announcing a financial package for those who have been killed or attacked by thieves. Therefore, the core concerns of enhancing security cover at ATMs and rehabilitation of affected victims are the need of the hour.

Further, Madam, cases of counterfeit/fake currency notes being disbursed from the ATMs have also been reported from across the country. This is an alarming situation for the banking system. I would also urge upon the hon. Minister to address this issue by issuing directions to the concerned agencies. Thank you.

DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD): Madam, I also associate myself on the issue raised by Shri Maganti.

HON. SPEAKER: Okay.

...(Interruptions)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री गौरव जी,

...(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : दीपेन्द्र हुंडा जी का नोटिस था, मैं आपको अनुमति दे रही हूँ।

...(व्यवधान)

श्री दीपेन्द्र सिंह हुंडा (शेहतक) : यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण इश्यू है। ...(व्यवधान) दोनों को दो-दो मिनट बोलने का अवसर दिया जाय।

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप पहले यहाँ से बोलने की परमीशन लें।