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title: Need to cancel the proposed cricket series between India and Pakistan to be held in December.

SHRI R.K. SINGH (ARRAH): Thank you, Madam, for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Madam, we heard on TV yesterday the news that India is going to play a Test and One-day Cricket Series with Pakistan. In Pakistan, Pakistan has allowed the mastermind of the Mumbai terror attacks, Hafeez Saeed, to roam freely. Pakistan has just now released Lakhvi on bail. They have said that they have appealed against that bail, but that appeal is not going anywhere. The mastermind and chief facilitator of the 1993 Mumbai bomb blast, Dawood Ibrahim, is in Pakistan, as the Home Minister has just stated.

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What is the point of playing Cricket with a country which is giving shelter to terrorists who have attacked you and who have carried out bomb blasts against you? I just do not understand it. You do not have friendly, normal relations with a country, which sends terrorists across the Line of Control every day, which is what they are doing.

So, I would request the Government to very seriously reconsider the decision in this regard. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: As per rules, I have given a notice, but you have not allowed me, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER: I will allow you.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Nishikant Dubey, Shri Arvind Sawant and Shri P.P. Chaudhary are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri R.K. Singh.