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Title: Regarding attack on church.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam, an unfortunate incident of attacking a church has been reported near the town, Kachna, the outskirt of Raipur in Chhattisgarh.

As per reports, a gang of about 30 people vandalized the church and attacked the people at the prayer time. It is a very bad incident. The local residents, those who are eyewitnesses, have said that the people came on motorcycles and without any talk, they suddenly attacked the mob and they destroyed the furniture inside the church and they were shouting the slogans of 'Jai Shriram'. That is what the reports say. This incident is not the single incident. For the last six months, five incidents of this type of attacking church have been reported in the same State....(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: I will allow you also. If you have any information, then only I will allow you, otherwise no.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Madam, I am quoting a woman who was inside the church. "I had a child in my arms and they threw him down. They torn my clothes, and misbehaved with me." This was the statement given by a woman.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : उस बारे में इन्ववारी चल रही होगी।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: We had discussed this yesterday also on the Women's Day. We had already discussed this type of activities. The church of Delhi was attacked.

HON. SPEAKER: I know.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Last year we discussed this issue. This type of attacking church and this type of hurting the sentiments are being repeated.

HON. SPEAKER: Do not make allegation. I know it. It is a State matter.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Madam, why is this being repeated? The statements given by the Ministers, including MPs, are provoking everyday. They are pouring poison into the minds of the people and religion.

HON. SPEAKER: Do not say something like that.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: That is why, in Kerala a senior journalist, named Sindhu Surya Kumar has been threatened by 2000 calls only because of reporting an incident.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : यहां की बात कीजिए, पूरे हिन्दुस्तान की बात यहां मत कीजिए। I am sorry.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: These types of things are happening against the media people, against the poor people, against women and against religious institutions.

HON. SPEAKER: No, I am not allowing you to raise general things happened all over India.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Therefore, I am urging upon the Government that a strong action should be taken against the culprits. I am demanding a reply from the Minister.

HON. SPEAKER: Now you have raised the matter.

Shri Rajeev Satav, Dr. A. Sampath, Shri Jitendra Chaudhury, Shrimati P.K. Sreemathi Teacher and Shri Sankar Prasad Datta are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri K.C. Venugopal.

पूरा हिन्दुस्तान एकत्रित नहीं करते_।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

HON. SPEAKER: Do you know anything?

श्रीमती कमला पाटले (जांजगीर-चाम्पा): माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदया, आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद|...(व्यवधान)

माननीय सांसद ने छत्तीसगढ़ के चर्च के विषय में जो बात की, मैं उस विषय में बताना चाहती हूं। ...(व्यवधान) छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने उसमें विशेष जांच करवाई हैं। छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने उसकी निन्दा की हैं। ...(व्यवधान) छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार द्वारा कुछ दोषियों को तत्काल औरस्ट किया गया हैं। ...(व्यवधान) वे अज्ञात लोग थें। ...(व्यवधान) पुलिस में कार्यवाही हो रही हैं। इस बारे में तत्काल जांच कराने का निर्देश भी जारी हो गया हैं।...(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: No, the whole thing must come.

...(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: People have been arrested.

Now, Shri Premachandran Ji.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN(KOLLAM): Madam, I would like to raise a very important serious matter concerning the common people of this

country....(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: She is from the State. She can speak.

...(Interruptions)

HON. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record. Only Mr. N.K. Premachandran's speech will go on record.

...(Interruptions)… <u>*</u>