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Title: Regarding increasing incidents of atrocities against Dalits in the country.

SHRI P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): Madam Speaker, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to raise an important issue regarding the increase of atrocities against Dalits in our country. Recently, in Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, many incidents of atrocities against Dalits have taken place. In Uttar Pradesh, in a fight involving just Rs. 15, a Dalit man was killed. Moreover, recently Dalits were attacked in Una, Gujarat. Yesterday there was a big rally there and I went there. I would like to raise this matter in this august House because the Dalits are living in pathetic conditions throughout the country. Their cases are not registered. Even when some cases are taken up, they are not inquired into properly. These growing incidents of atrocities against them have badly affected the Dalit community in our country. They have been raising this issue. So, Madam, the Parliament itself should take a strong stand to save the *dalit* community in our country. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to take up the issue of *dalit* community very seriously to save them from atrocities being committed on them. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Ravbindra Kumar Jena is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P.K. Biju.