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Title: Regarding increasing atrocities against women of dalit and backward communities.

**PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM)** : The atrocities against women especially dalit and backward communities are increasing nationwide especially in Kerala. The bloodcurdling murder of a Dalit woman is snowballing into a major election issue in Perumbavoor Assembly constituency. The sitting MLA started facing the heat after the deceased girl's mother Rajeshwari came down heavily on him. She alleged that the MLA had turned a deaf ear to her repeated pleas for help. Meanwhile, the social media also took up the issue which further turned on the heat on the CPM MLA. However, local MLA refuted all the allegations levelled against him saying that Rajeshwari had never visited him seeking help for constructing a house. "There is no truth in the allegation as she never demanded help from me for constructing a house", he said. He also alleged that the police had handled the murder case indifferently. The whole matter brings out indifference of politicians to people in distress. The whole matter needs to be investigated afresh.