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Title:Need to restore the security cover provided to Dr. Tahir Mahmood Sahib, Chairman of the Minorities Commission.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the position of the Chairman of the Minorities Commission is a very vulnerable position. It requires adequate security cover and full protection. On the contrary, it is shocking to learn that even the meagre security cover that was provided to the Chairman of the Minorities Commission, Dr. Tahir Mehmood Sahib has been suddenly withdrawn, and withdrawn without notice. It is a very shocking act; it is a thoughtless act; it is an act without consideration of the grave risk that the Chairman of the Minorities Commission faces. The security cover which was a meagre security cover has also been suddenly withdrawn. It was withdrawn suddenly on the 12th of December.

I would urge upon the Government that the security cover has to be restored because otherwise the Chairman of the Minorities Commission will be exposed to serious risk. I would urge that not only the security cover has to be restored, but it has also to be strengthened. It must be realised that the matter is of serious importance and needs immediate attention.

We must also know as to who was responsible for such a thoughtless decision that was taken in such a sudden manner and without notice. I would even go to the extent of accusing the Government of showing indifference to the question of minorities and even to the safety of the Chairman of the Minorities Commission. This indifference is intolerable because now this House is discussing the question of increasing number of atrocities on minorities. Even in such a situation, without notice, the meagre security that was provided was also withdrawn.

Sir, immediate action of the Government is needed. Let the Government react to this important question. I also associate myself with the question of security to Kumari Mayawati which has been raised earlier.

SHRI E. AHAMED : Let there be a reaction from the Government. ... (Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : उसमें क्या है? वह हो गया।

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : When the House is discussing about the atrocities on minorities, the security cover of the Chairman has been withdrawn. ... (Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : अब आपने सवाल उठा दिया।

SHRI E. AHAMED : We would like to know as to why it has been withdrawn. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : I want to know the reaction of the Government. ... (Interruptions) You have to direct the Government.

सभापति महोदय : इस मामले में आसन से सरकार को निदेश नहीं दिया जा सकता। सरकार के मंत्री चाहें तो उठकर बोल सकते हैं। कृपा कर आसन ग्रहण करें।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : You may give a direction. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI E. AHAMED (MANJERI): We should know as to why it has been done. ... (Interruptions)

सभापति महोदय : आपने सवाल उठा दिया, हो गया।

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN : Sir, you must give a direction. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Sir, you may give a direction to the Government to restore the security cover. ...

(Interruptions)

SHRI E. AHAMED : We should know as to why it has been done. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI RAM NAIK: I will convey the sentiments expressed by the hon. Members to the Home Minister. ...

(Interruptions)

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Conveying the sentiments will not do. I demand restoration of the security cover.

सभापति महोदय : अब इसमें कोई गुंजाइश नहीं है। श्री बणातवाला, कृपा कर आसन ग्रहण करें।