

Title: Requests the Government to take action in the incident that the Kerala Men's Handball Team was prevented from playing the Raja Balendra Singh Trophy in the Fifth National Games held at Imphal, Manipur.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Sir, I may be permitted to speak especially on this day, the Eighth March, the International Women's Day...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All the Male Members are also eager to contribute. Why are you opposing?

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I may be permitted to bring to the attention of this august House and the entire nation a matter of grave concern and of great importance.

In the Fifth National Games held at Imphal, Manipur, a very cruel, inhuman and unsportsmanlike treatment was meted out to the Kerala Team. By means of manipulations, the Kerala Team was deprived of not only the prestigious Raja Balendra Singh Trophy but also natural justice...(Interruptions)

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH (INNER MANIPUR): This is a wrong ...(Interruptions) This is wrong report... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : I have every right to say this on behalf of the Government of Kerala and the people of Kerala. I have given notice...(Interruptions) I have every right to speak on this subject. Nobody can prevent me except the ruling of the hon. Deputy-Speaker. Sir, shall I proceed?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Yes.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : The Kerala Team was deprived of not only the prestigious Raja Balendra Singh Trophy but also natural justice. The theme of all games is unity, peace, cooperation and goodwill. But at Imphal, at the last stage, when the whole world knew that Kerala would bag the prestigious Trophy, the Kerala Men's Handball Team was prevented from playing. It is not only that but all efforts were made to disqualify them. But a Technical Committee qualified them. But at the last minute they were removed from the field at the point of a gun...(Interruptions)

SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : This is a wrong report.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : It is true. It has come in all the national dailies. If you have not come across it, it means that you do not read it. It has come in the dailies. It is true. From the very beginning, we have established all norms in the sports field.

Contrary to Olympic norms, sportsman spirit and natural justice, at the last moment, rules were also changed. (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: No interruptions, please.

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : They were prevented from participating. (Interruptions) We are deprived of our rights. ... (Interruptions) This has come in all the national dailies. ... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Do not interrupt the hon. Member.

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Medal tally was used to count the points. Our boys were allowed to play hand ball game. If they were not prevented at gun point, they would have definitely bagged the prize. On behalf of the people of Kerala and on behalf of all sports loving persons and on my own behalf, I very strongly protest and request the Government to take action in this regard.