

**Title:** Demand to clarify the Lahore Declaration signed between the India and Pakistan.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Shri R.S. Gavai.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: He has given a notice. Do not be impatient. I am also sitting. I will hear one by one.

SHRI R.S. GAVAI (AMRAVATI): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am bringing to your kind notice an issue of national importance.

Sir, the Prime Minister of India, hon. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, has visited Pakistan on 20th and 21st February, 1999 on the inaugural run of the Delhi-Lahore bus service. During the visit, the Prime Minister conveyed to the Government and the people of Pakistan, India's deep desire for peace and friendship with them and to develop the comprehensive cooperation for the benefit of the peoples of both the countries. The Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Pakistan signed the Lahore Declaration which is designated a landmark for peace and security of the two countries. But later, the reactions of the peoples of both the countries which appeared, were unpleasant and contrary to the spirit of the Lahore Declaration. This may be because of the ambiguity of the Lahore Declaration. Hence it is very much essential to spell out the Lahore Declaration for the peoples of India and Pakistan.

I personally feel that because of the ambiguity, these contrary reactions are coming.

I, therefore, urge upon the Prime Minister to clarify the position in this respect.