

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to accord the status of minority to Jews in the country.

SHRI GEORGE BAKER (NOMINATED): Madam, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak.

I rise to speak on a community that came to the Subcontinent over 2,000 years ago and who are now a miniscule, probably less than 10,000. I speak of the Jews who are in India, who are settled in various metropolis. ... (*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : मिनिस्टर का एक्सप्लेनेशन हो गया। This is not the way.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GEORGE BAKER: They have contributed immensely to the growth of the country. I urge upon the Government of India to give this particular Jewish community, who have never asked for any assistance from the Government of India, the minority status. ... (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

...(Interruptions) ... *

SHRI GEORGE BAKER: They should be given recognition as a minority community. Till today, they have been maintaining their own historical monuments and synagogues.

Besides, giving them recognition immediately as a minority community would help to strengthen the ties of our nation with Israel also.

Thank you very much.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री भैरों प्रसाद मिश्र, कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देल और प्रो. रिचर्ड हे को श्री जार्ज बेकर द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

...(व्यवधान)

12.15 hours

(At this stage, Shri M. I. Shanavas and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.)