

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding attack on Amarnath Yatra pilgrims.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL (ZAHEERABAD): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to draw your kind attention towards a newspaper article dated 07.07.2017 with the headline 'Telangana Pilgrim dies in gas cylinder mishap in bus in J&K, 13 injured.' The details may kindly be perused. But, as per the statements of the pilgrims and apprehensions, the incident was a terrorist activity and not a cylinder blast issue. Nevertheless, there was casualty and injury was caused to the devotees, who hailed from my parliamentary constituency, Kamareddy district of Telangana State, when they were returning from the Amarnath Shrine, from Srinagar to Jammu, after *darshan* of Lord Shiva. One of the devotees died while others suffered grievous injuries.

I would like to request, through the hon. Chair, to the hon. Minister of Home Affairs to look into the matter and grant suitable compensation to the victims on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, so that the dependants of the deceased and injured could feel compensated and obliged and not discriminated.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bheemrao B. Patil.