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Title: The Prime Minister made a statement regarding reported missing of files relating to allocation of coal blocks.

THE PRIME MINISTER (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH): Hon. Madam Speaker, with regard to the so-called missing files or papers pertaining to the ongoing investigation into the allocation of coal blocks, I would like to emphasize that the Government is making all efforts to locate the papers requisitioned by the CBI ...(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): This is not right. This is your demand that he should make a statement. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : ये क्या कर रहे हैं?

â€¦(लवणान)

MADAM SPEAKER: You want the statement.

...(*Interruptions*)

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: And, at this stage, it would be premature to say that some papers are indeed missing. A vast majority of the papers sought by the CBI have already been handed over to them. However, disregarding the factual position, some Members have gone ahead and drawn their own conclusions that there is something fishy and the Government is hiding something.

Hon. Madam Speaker, let me assure this august House that the Government has nothing to hide. The fact that more than 150,000 pages of documentation have already been handed over to the CBI clearly shows that our intention to facilitate the process of investigation cannot be called into question. Right from the days the CAG began its exercise of performance audit, the Government has always provided its fullest cooperation to the CAG and later to the CBI. We will continue to do so. If the records in question are indeed found missing, the Government will carry out a thorough investigation and ensure that the guilty are brought to book.

Hon. Madam Speaker, the matter of allocation of coal blocks is *sub judice*; the apex court of the country is looking into all aspects of these allocations. Moreover, the ongoing investigation by the CBI is being closely monitored by the apex court. In its order dated 29th August 2013, the Supreme Court has directed that within five days the CBI shall provide a comprehensive list of documents and records which remain outstanding and, thereafter within two weeks the Government will hand over the available papers to the CBI. The Government shall follow these directions in letter and spirit and shall do its very best to locate and hand over the requisite papers to the CBI within the time frame stipulated by the apex court. If the Government is unable to locate some of these papers within the stipulated time, then as directed by the Supreme Court, a report will be filed with the CBI for appropriate inquiry and investigation.

In such a situation, I urge the hon. Members of this august body not to draw hasty conclusions and let the House continue with its normal business.

MADAM SPEAKER: Item No. 7, Hon. Minister.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: You know there is no clarification on a statement. There is no clarification on a statement. We do not have the rule for clarifications. What is this?

...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप नोटिस दे दीजिए। There is no rule for seeking clarifications immediately after the statement.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go into the record.

(Interruptions) ' *

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (विदिशा): अध्यक्ष महोदया, प्रधान मंत्री जी ने कहा कि हम एफर्ट्स कर रहे हैं, हम जानना चाहते हैं कि क्या आपने इसकी एफआईआर दर्ज कराई है...(व्यवधान) यदि एफआईआर दर्ज नहीं कराई है तो सरकार ढूंढने के कौन से प्रयास कर रही है...(व्यवधान) खुद सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा है कि एफआईआर दर्ज करायें...(व्यवधान)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Why has an FIR not been lodged?

अध्यक्ष महोदया : इसमें व्लेरिफिकेशन नहीं होता है।

'(व्यवधान)