

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY : We are the partner of NDA. NDA has made a few positive commitments that they will not raise issues which can create confusion in the minds of the people. He should restrain any statement of any Chief Minister, and we would appeal, on behalf of our party, to the hon. Prime Minister to see that statements should not come up in such a fashion which create unnecessary confusion and consequently lead to an uncertainty.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the hon. Prime Minister, please.
...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : The Janata Dal should clarify its position...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the hon. Prime Minister, please.
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. Order please.
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Athawale, please take your seat.
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. What is this?
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: No, please take your seat.

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of my friends had ... (Interruptions) Mr. Speaker, Sir, no one can deny that the issue raised by the members has been raised on the basis of news published in the newspapers. I have also read these newspapers and tried to construct what had been reported. I am still trying to find out and I will certainly get a report in this regard. It is not always necessary that the statements made are published in the same form. I am not holding anyone responsible.... (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: What is this? Please take your seat. What is this?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (MIRYALGUDA): May I interrupt him, Sir?

[Translation]

SHRI MANSOOR ALI KHAN (SAHARANPUR): You say something here and Members say something else. What could be more contradictory than this.... (Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: It is a wrong thing... (Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have no hidden agenda... (Interruptions) We have been elected with the public support on the basis of same agenda on which we had contested together and we got vote of confidence on the same agenda. It is very clear that there is no mention of three disputed issues in that agenda ... (Interruptions) Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is a lot of difference between 1998 and 1999.... (Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: It is in the BJP's agenda.... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Dasmunsi, please take your seat.
...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let him complete. Shri Jaipal Reddy, you are a senior Member of this house.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, even the member of Cabinet, Uma Bharati Ji had said the same thing... (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : First, let him complete.
...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, when we decided to contest the election, we made a new manifesto. Which was in print. We approached the public with this new manifesto. There is no mention of these three issues in this manifesto and that was the only programme we had. We are going by that manifesto. Nobody should have any kind of doubt in one's mind about that manifesto... (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ramdas Athawale, when the Prime Minister is speaking, you should not disturb. This is too much.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHAR VAJPAYEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, all the newly elected members have been elected on the basis of national agenda only. The individual opinions may vary from person to person, but this Government and N.D.A. ..(Interruptions)

[English]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : Sir, we have a serious objection.... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA) : This is a statement by the Chief Minister, how can it be termed as an individual opinion...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : I am taking up the matter...(Interruptions)

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL) : Mr. Speaker, Sir these people are not giving a chance even to the Prime Minister to speak. How can it serve any purpose. They have started creating riots in Maharashtra....(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Kumari Uma Bharati is a Member of the Council of Ministers....(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, how firm we are in our intention....(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Running commentary is not good. Please take your seat. This is not good thing. Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : If you know, then why are you asking....(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, what is this?

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we had also brought out a separate manifesto for the 1998 elections. It was mentioned in that one but it has not been mentioned in this time's manifesto. We don't have a separate manifesto this time, we have contested the elections on the basis of joint manifesto and that formed the basis to unite all the parties under one umbrella and the entire government machinery is being run based on that one. It's a matter of surprise that you are not believing my words. The 6th December passed off peacefully. There was peace in Ayodhya and all over the country that day and that's why they are embarrassed....(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : He is not yielding.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: He is not yielding. Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, he is not yielding. Please take your seat.

[Translation]

SHRI SHYAM BIHARI MISHRA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, they do not let the Prime Minister speak and interrupt like this, then we will also not let them speak.

SHRI SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI (BIJNOR) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, so long as the Prime Minister speaks, none of them should interrupt....(Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : What we are saying, we are putting that into action also....(Interruptions) We did

not allow anybody to create tension in Kashi and we arrested them....(Interruptions) We did not allow anything untoward to happen in Ayodhya also. Our action speaks volumes of it but you will speak what is in your mind....(Interruptions)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DĀSMUNSI : Your Minister have also spoken...(Interruptions) Those who are the members of your Cabinet...(Interruptions)

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Your members have spoken about Kashi, Mathura...(Interruptions) and the slogans were raised...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : No running commentary please.

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Their Chief Minister also joined them and he said that Kashi, Mathura would be freed...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : This is a Chief Minister's statement. How can you discuss it here?

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : What he said, I am just ascertaining about that. Have some patience.(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : How much time it will take...(Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : The manifesto which formed the basis for our contesting elections, and on the basis of which we have won elections, that is final for us. If somebody says something outside of it, that is wrong. He should not say such thing and you should also not take it seriously....(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is not correct at all....(Interruptions)

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Should we not take a Chief Minister seriously....(Interruptions) and we are also supposed not to take a Minister seriously either then whom in your party should we take seriously? This is quite amazing....(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we had asked

a very simple question which was not answered to by the Prime Minister....(Interruptions) We had asked the Prime Minister that he is the leader of the BJP besides being a Prime Minister. And we asked him to say only this much on behalf of the BJP that all the three issues are outside of their agenda....(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, our question is not answered....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have called Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi. He has given a notice for Zero Hour.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi says.

(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Rajesh Pilot, the hon. Prime Minister has already given a reply and still you are insisting. What is this?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing, except what Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi says is going on record.

...(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi, are you raising your matter about post office building or not?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I allowed Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DĀSMUNSI : Mr. Speaker, Sir,(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have called Shri Chaturvedi. Nothing should go on record except what Shri Chaturvedi says.

(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI (KHAJURAHO)

Not recorded.