

Prior to this Government, Congress Government was in power. Why you are not declaring Pakistan a terrorist state. I would like to know as to what efforts are being made to declare Pakistan a terrorists state. Hon'ble Vilasji, I would like to tell you that total 14649 incidents took place before Atalji assumed the office of the Prime Minister. 17000 attacks were made on the people and on security forces and in those attacks 17860 people were killed. After Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the Prime Minister only 551 such incidents took place and out of these 201 attacks were made on security forces and 361 people were killed. Shri Pilotji, Shri Vilasji and the entire House expressed concern over this. I assure the government that the entire House is with them on this issue. I urge the hon'ble Prime Minister to take stringent steps in this regard so that the people of this country may feel that they are in safe hands.

19.33 hrs.

RE : AGENDA OF NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, yesterday Ayodhya issue was discussed in the House. I had said that I would try to find out the facts from Shri Ramprakash Guptaji, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. I had a talk with him. I had asked him whether he had stated in his statement that the question of construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya is a state issue and is not related to the national agenda. National agenda is different from the agenda of our state. He refuted this charge and denied saying so. Then I asked him as to what he had said. He replied that contrary to he had said that they are bound to pursue the national agenda and will follow the policy statement made under the national agenda. I had also received a letter conveying the same today. I would like to take the House into confidence and quote the content of the letter.

"In some of the newspapers my alleged statement regarding construction of Ram Temple at Ram Janam Bhumi in Ayodhya has been published and it is stated that the construction of Ram Temple is included in the agenda of Uttar Pradesh Government. In this regard it has become essential for me to clarify that no such statement regarding Ram Janam Bhumi in Ayodhya has been made by me that it is included in the agenda of Uttar Pradesh government. It had clarified that the agenda in this regard which has been framed by National Democratic Alliance and accepted and adopted by the Government of India is also the agenda and policy of the State Government."

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think that after this the controversy should come to an end.

19.35 hrs.

DISCUSSION UNDER RULE 193

Issue of national security and rise of militancy
in various parts of the country especially
in North-East and J&K—Contd.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA (Bhatinda) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the issue of rise of militancy in North-East and in J&K is being debated for quite sometime. What is the reason for increase in terrorism ? The other people may not have seen it but the people of Punjab have faced the problem of terrorism. I am reminded of the day when terrorists used to abduct our women. It was a frightening experience for us. We have still not forgot those days when even the very influential people of the villages left their homes and migrated to the cities. Many people used to give money to the terrorists regularly. At that time we used to think as to what has hapened in Punjab ? It is not the time to deviate from the main issue. The terrorists had killed 25,000 Punjabis...(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Sir, the Home Minister should reply tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, the reply is tomorrow. Today, we want to complete all the speeches.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Thank you, Sir.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA : We all know what happened in Punjab during Militancy. Jarnail Singh Bindranwale was used by the Congress party. Later when Akalis were divided, he was used by the Akalis. When both the parties realised that he does not belong to any one of them they abandoned him ? The terrorism should be dealt with strictly, because it has caused a great deal of loss to Punjab which cannot be forgotten. The Punjab Government should change its policy. Shri Dhindsa Saheb is sitting here. Shri Prakash Singh Badal deferred his visit to America for three years. He did not participate in the election in Punjab out of fear. The big leaders of terrorists like Didar Singh Sandhu who are living in America are aiding the terrorists financially. The Government of Punjab treat him as State Guest. It is an eye opening experience for me. He is conferred a special status at Anandpur Saheb.