

Special Marriage Bill but it is only a pack of urchins 'who have passed the Bill.:' (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM (Sivaganga): It is an old story. (*Interruptions*)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Then a privilege motion was brought against him in the other House by one Member. To which he said, "I am a Member of this House and I am subjected to the jurisdiction of this House." Shri Mavalankar who was in the Chair and occupying the same position said, "I will never allow my Member to be subjected to the jurisdiction of the other House." (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: We are not discussing about Prof. Kurien.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI AJIT PANJA (Calcutta North East): The Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres at Barrackpore in West Bengal is one of the most important research institutes in India. It is catering not only to the Eastern region but also to the other parts of India. This Institute has been remaining paralysed since October last. Four of the important scientists who are research scholars, principal and senior scientists—Dr. Subrata Ghosh, Dr S. Pradhan, Dr. M.N. Saha and Mr. Swapan Chatterjee—were dragged out from their office and were unfortunately beaten up by a Member of this House, Shri Tarit Baran Topdar. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum): That Institute is in my constituency, Sir.

SHRI AJIT PANJA: Mr. Nirmal Chatterjee did not go there because he found that the case of the scientists was correct. He did not intervene and he did not say anything. Mr. Topdar, taking advantage of this position as an MP, flouted Section 144 and created law and order problem.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member is not present here.

SHRI AJIT PANJA: If he is not here, it is not my fault. I am not referring to an outsider.

450 employees of the Institute, including their family members, are in great danger there about their life and property. I demand that the Home Minister and the Agriculture Minister should send a strong team to the Institute immediately to make an enquiry and report back to the Government so that peace is brought in there. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: The Research Institute falls in my constituency. I am aware of the dispute going on there. I am aware of the fact that very recently a cut in wages of the employees has been imposed. The employees, as a result of it, have refused to accept their wages for this month. The fact that certain scientists are feeling insecure is only in the Press. There is no question of insecurity for the scientists there. Here only yesterday he has talked to me; I have told him that there is absolutely no danger in the institute and the scientists can certainly go there and do their work. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: There was a meeting held at the Chief Secretary's Chamber where the Director of the Institute and the MP whom he mentioned were also present. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. CHARLES (Trivandrum): There is acute scarcity of diesel all over the country. Kerewal is the one State which is most seriously affected by this shortage.

[*Translation*]

SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY (Alipurduars): Mr. Speaker, Sir, lakhs of tribals are being ruined, so it is necessary to find out some solution. Please allow me to speak on this issue.

MR. SPEAKER: You will get the permission when you give a notice.

(*Interruptions*)