

12.00 hrs.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Dwarka Nath Das to speak.

(Interruptions)

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(Interruptions)

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY (Kanakapura): I am on a point of order. (Interruptions)

SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU (Dharmapuri): This is a very important and a sensitive issue. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will come to you later on.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: The Government of Karnataka has issued an ordinance which is very much against the Constitution of India. (Interruptions) It is very important. Tamil Nadu People are suffering a lot. This is a very serious matter. (Interruptions) We demand from the Prime Minister that he should come with a statement. (Interruptions) It is unfortunate that a ordinance is issued against the Constitution of India. They have no right to issue a such ordinance. We want a statement from the Prime Minister today. We want a firm reply from the Government now. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Do you not want any response?

(Interruptions)

SHRI ANBARASU ERA (Madras Central): Promulgation of this ordinance is unconstitutional. (Interruptions)

SHRI M. R. JANARTHANAN (Thirunelveli): It is a challenge to the Constitution of India. (Interruptions) It is a question of life and death for the people of Tamil Nadu. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please go to your seats first.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats first. Well, I have decided to allow you to express your views; but you can do it one after the other. You cannot do it at one and the same time. I have called out the name of one gentleman. One hon. Member from here will speak first and then I will call out your names also. Shri Dwarka Nath Das.

SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS (Karim Ganj): Sir, the working of the Post and Telegraph system is in a bad state in Barak valley of Assam. May be it is due to shortage of staff or may be for other reasons. For example, one letter takes at least eight to ten days specially in rural areas to cover a distance of 50 kms. Sometimes telegrams are sent just like ordinary post cards because it is a common feature that most of the time the telegraph line remains dead, not to speak of telephone whose working is the worst at present.

Will the hon. Minister of Communications be pleased to look into the condition of this system in Barak valley soon, particularly that of Karim Ganj District of Assam in these respects?

SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Sir, yesterday the Karnataka Government.....(Interruptions).....

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY (Kanakapura): Sir, I am on a point of order. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you please take your seats. I have said that I will