

12.31 hrs.

RE. : VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE UNDERGROUND NAGAS AND THE UNDERGROUND KUKIS IN MANIPUR RESULTING IN SEVERAL DEATHS

[English]

PROF. M. KAMSON (Outer Manipur) : In the hill district of Manipur, which is my constituency, a lot of killings have taken place during the past three-four days. Within three days about 40 people have been killed and 50 houses have been burnt rendering so many people homeless. This is due to continuous fight between the Nagas underground and Kukis underground. Because of this violence between the Nagas and Kukis so far more than 1000 houses have been burnt and more than 150 people have been killed. I would request, through you, that the security forces should be put in all these areas so that they can curb the activities of these two forces equally. These two forces are in touch with the neighbouring countries and so they are a threat to our national integrity. I, therefore, request that the security forces should be asked to suppress the activities of both these groups and not incite one tribal group against another. So far as our knowledge goes, the neighbouring countries—I do not want to name them, you know very well whom I mean—have a great interest in this fight between the two groups. Some countries are helping the Kuki undergrounds while the other countries are helping Naga undergrounds. These neighbouring countries are supplying a lot of heavy arms and ammunition to them which poses a great threat to the security of our country. Therefore, security forces should be asked to take action against both these tribal groups.

MR. SPEAKER: If I have allowed you to speak, that does not mean that you should prolong your speech.

PROF. M. KAMSON : Sir, the Home Minister should come here in this House and make a Statement today itself so that we are assured that something is being done. This is a very important matter as thousands of innocent people are being killed in the hill district of Manipur.

SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM (Inner Manipur) : Sir, in Manipur, there is no security at all. There is panic among the people. As Prof. Kamson has said, within the last three days a number of people have been massacred. The people have been killed not only by the gun fires but also have been attacked with swords. The activists surrounded the village and then burnt the houses. Anybody who tried to come out was fired by gun. Even the children and women were also not spared. It is because of the feud between the Kukis and Nagas. This is happening in the hill area. If it is left like this, Manipur will be flared up. Even in the valley, there had been heavy killings. It has become a daily feature to kill somebody. The insurgents are killing people; the extremists are even taking advantage of this situation... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : This is not a regular speech. You are attracting the attention of the Government to this particular incident. Please you be very brief. We had agreed that at 12.30 p.m. we will be completing this activity. I have allowed a Calling Attention Motion on a very important issue which you wanted to highlight. You bear that also in mind.

SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM : Sir, whenever I rose and whenever I wanted to say something I was always put to such limitations. This problem had arisen in the North-Eastern region. If it happens in Tamil Nadu or if it happens in Maharashtra or some other State, you allow everybody to speak but when it happens in Manipur, you are not allowing. Why? I do not like this. Taking advantage of this situation, political killings are taking place. So many killings are taking place in Manipur. What are you doing? Why did not the Government come out with a statement? Why are they not taking measures to bring normalcy in the State?

— Please allow us to express our feelings. It is because I am also a Member of the House.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes. That is why I allowed you.

SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM : I belong to the North-Eastern region. Please don't think only for the bigger States, you think for the smaller States also. This is what I wanted to say.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given a notice of Calling Attention Motion today morning. The House does not want that our friends from North-East should develop the feeling that as they are living in far-off places, any incident can take place there and neither the country nor this House will take any notice of it. That is why. I gave a notice to the hon. Speaker today morning.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, near about 150 persons have been killed there till now. A bloody struggle is going on between the Kukis and the Nagas. Innocent people are being killed there. A number of Houses have been demolished. But neither the Government of Manipur is able to take stringent measures nor any effective step has been taken to check the Naga rebels. I would request that this issue should be discussed in the House. The hon. Speaker may allow the Calling Attention.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzaffarpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this House should respect the feelings of the Members from Manipur. This country has always adopted an indifferent attitude towards the North-Eastern States. Manipur is the recent example of it. It is being said here that 130 persons were killed there. But this House has never discussed about the number of soldiers killed there during the last six months. There is no control over the entire More Road, which comes through Burma to our country. But this fact has never been discussed in the House, Criminal elements are active there and a situation of terrorism in the form of civil war is prevailing there. They are not fighting with the Centre, but there is a situation

of infighting between the inhabitants itself. Mr. Speaker, Sir, if the questions are raised here about these issues, the Home Ministry does not have any answer and the representation of North-Eastern States is so scanty that they cannot raise their voice effectively in this regard. So, alongwith Shri Atalji, I would also request the hon. Speaker that this issue should be discussed in the House. This issue is not limited only upto Manipur, but is concerned with the entire-North-Eastern Region also. On one hand, there is a situation of terrorism and on the other hand, the menace of drugs has overtaken the entire population there. Who are trying to destroy the entire population of the north-eastern region? We cannot overlook the importance of this region in the security of our country, otherwise we will have to face the consequences. This matter may be taken up for discussion in the House in any way.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : I was about to say that.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : Very very important issues have been raised today. All the three issues are important. You have already directed the Government to make statements on them, on the Tamil Nadu incident and the Hyderabad incident. Ghastly incidents have taken place. He condemn them and we demand stringent action and proper investigation.

So far as Manipur is concerned, certainly, apart from the fact that the incidents are very serious, the feeling of alienation which is there, apparently there, we may deny it, but that is a dangerous feeling of alienation. Therefore, every step should be taken by the Government of India—and this House should concern itself probably more frequently and in a more, coordinated manner—so that this feeling is not there; and their problems are attended to.