



THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS (Shri Gulam Nabi  
Azad) : It is with the people who have  
hidden them.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :  
I have not said so. I do not think it neces-  
sary to refer to the name of officers and  
Speaker of Legislative Assembly. But my  
friends have helped me.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, preparations are being  
made to present the three abducted Mem-  
bers before the Governor in a dramatic  
way to prove that the ruling party has  
lost its majority. The ruling party is ready  
to prove its strength. As such a meeting  
of the Legislative Assembly has been con-  
vened on the 7th of August. The fate of  
the Government should be decided on the  
floor of the Legislative Assembly and not  
in the Rajbhawans. In case the Central  
Government has received any report from  
the Governor, it should take the House in-  
to confidence and the Centre should issue  
directions to the Governor to wait for the  
outcome of the meeting of Legislative As-  
sembly and let not this Government fall,  
because of defection which is illegal and  
immoral. In this regard I would like to re-  
quest the Minister of Home Affairs who  
is present in this august House, but is busy  
in talking.....(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : This has to be trans-  
lated to all other members.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay-North) :  
I can work as an Interpreter.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :  
Mr. Speaker Sir, the Minister of Home  
Affairs should have the knowledge of the  
happenings in Meghalaya. He should  
issue direction to the Governor to the  
effect that meeting of Legislative Assembly  
called for 7th August should go on  
smoothly without any hurdles. If the  
ruling party has lost majority, it should be  
moved on the floor of the Legislative As-  
sembly and not in the Rajbhawan or in  
anybody's house where the Members have  
been hidden.....(Interruptions)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr.  
Speaker, Sir, the matter raised by Shri  
Vajpayee is indeed a very serious matter.

If the Gangotri gets polluted, Ganga can-  
not remain pure. The Ganga is clean, be-  
cause Gangotri is clean. Central Govern-  
ment is busy in toppling the non-Congress  
(I) Governments in the States, it is very  
dangerous signal particularly for the pre-  
sent government which is running on the  
support of the opposition. I would like  
to urge, since the leader of the House is  
present in the House, that the matter does  
not end here. The wife of a Member  
there has lodged a F.I.R. There is one  
Minister, Momin the second is a dentist  
north.....

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF STEEL (Shri Sontosh  
Mohan Deb) : You did the same thing in  
Goa, Nagaland and Manipur.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : You  
admit that you are doing all these things  
from here.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT  
(Shri Jagdish Tytler) : You did it then.  
This will only become relevant, if you  
accept what you did.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : We  
want to know that only. The leader of  
the House should clearly tell us that what  
is being done wrong here is justified or he  
should say in plain terms that nothing  
wrong is being done. On 30th July an  
attempt to kidnap the Deputy Speaker was  
made. We have had a talk on telephone  
which revealed that everything is being  
done at the instance of the Centre.

It is not the question of Speaker.  
Actually, the Speaker belongs to Congress  
(I) and now he has been elected as the  
leader of Congress (I). Under these cir-  
cumstances he is the leader of the Congress  
(I) and also the Speaker. He is misusing  
his office and has kidnapped the MLAs  
and keeping them in his confinement, which  
is a very serious matter. The leader of the  
House is present here. I had said in the  
very beginning that Parliament is like the  
Gangotri and efforts should be made to  
keep its water pure, clean and free from  
contamination.

[English]

**SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY :**  
 The facts are told. Now, the point is that even the Minister is kidnapped there. The MLAs are kidnapped. The house of the Deputy Speaker was attacked. An attempt was made to topple the Government in Meghalaya. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee has demanded that the majority has to be proved on the Floor of the Assembly. This is the right thing to do. Now the Home Minister is here. The Leader of the House is also here. We want to know whether they have any knowledge of the developments that are taking place in Meghalaya. This will be an affront to the democratic process in that State if in this obnoxious manner the Government there is toppled and a deflection Government of your Party is installed. I demand that you make a statement here and set the things right in Meghalaya.

[Translation]

**\*SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat):** Mr. Speaker, I am raising an important matter. Onam is a national festival of the Keralites which is being celebrated this month. It is celebrated by people irrespective of caste, creed and religion. The people of Kerala are facing serious problems due to the shortage of boiled rice from whichever source available. But even when the Govt. manages to get some rice from some source with great difficulty, there is a shortage of wagons. The wagons available are leaking. Now this is posing another problem. I, therefore, request the Govt. to ensure the supply of good wagons for transporting rice to Kerala.

Another problem is of non-availability of Palmolein. Immediate steps should be taken to supply Palmolein to Kerala.

Sir, as I said Onam is the national festival and the Malayalees living outside Kerala have a desire to go home and celebrate Onam. But today they are not able to go to Kerala due to inadequate train facilities. Therefore, special train should be run so that Keralites from Delhi, Bombay and other cities could reach Kerala to participate in the celebrations.

\*Translation of the point originally raised in Malayalam.

Sir, there is a popular saying in Kerala that Onam should be celebrated even by selling one's own land. Such is the importance of this festival and therefore, the Govt. should take immediate steps to supply good wagons, and Palmolein as well as run special trains. The Legend says that during the region of Malabali, there was perfect equality. In the democratic age Onam provides an opportunity for people of different communities and creed to come together. So, the Govt. should facilitate it.  
 12.10 Hrs.

(SHRI SHARAD DIGHE IN THE CHAIR)

[Translation]

**PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer):**  
 Sir, Krishna Mill in Beawar in my constituency Ajmer has been lying closed for the last few months as a result of which thousands of labourers have been rendered jobless. Thousands of families of these labourers are on the verge of starvation and owing to it, the economic situation in Beawar and nearby villages has worsened. The most alarming fact is that machines worth crores of rupees installed in this mill are getting rusted. The labourers have not been paid their Provident Fund. Despite the struggle, the satyagrahas and persistent demand of the labourers, the mill has not been reopened. Sir, I, therefore, request the Government through you, to hand over the Krishna Mill in Beawar either to some private parties or to the National Textile Corporation so that it could be recommissioned early and labourers could be saved from starvation.

**SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 31st the hon. Minister of Agriculture had made an announcement in this House that the pre-budget stocks of fertilisers available with the dealers would be sold at the old rates. But it is a matter of regret that despite this announcement this is not being done. At present the retail traders have two lakh tonnes of pre-budget stock of fertilizers and the whole sale traders have twenty lakh tonnes of Pre-budget stock of fertilizers with them. Government here manipulated and issued orders to sell two lakh tonnes of fertilisers available with the retailers at the