

This ghastly atrocity was an unprovoked horrid eruption of evil which, if unheeded, would leave its legacy in the wreckage of all democratic norms and ideals behind it. What happened was a monstrous progeny of a monstrous design. Such violence would undermine the basis of all civilized life and would produce moral frustration in our polity.

This is a most undemocratic, criminal, brutal and politically ill-motivated assault perpetrated most heinously and in utterly unprovoked circumstances against a Member of this House. This should not go unquestioned. If such dastardly crimes can be committed with impunity, democracy will be reduced to a mere farce, and the hon. Members' functioning will become impossible. This was done by a splinter group belonging to the LDF.

I request the House, through you, to take the necessary remedial and preventive measures in this regard.

12. 35 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

*SHRI C.K.KUPPUSWAMY (Coimbatore); Our Union Home Minister Shri S.B. Chavan is reported to have stated that Hindi alone can unite the country when he was addressing a meeting of the All India Bank Officers' Association. I condemn this statement attributed to the Minister. Instead of strengthening the unity and integrity of this country this will only strengthen the hands of divisive forces. We have been following for the past twenty five years the assurance given by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that English would remain a link language as long as non-hindi speaking people want it. It is disheartening to note the Union Home Minister himself disregards it and depart from

this a vowed policy. He has also said that Japan and China have developed only with their respective national languages. We should not forget that we have fourteen national languages. It is also the duty of the Union Government to help and develop the regional languages. Hence I request through you that the Home Ministers should desist from making such statements. (*Interruptions*)

If you insist on Hindi, instead of unity there will be only disunity and secessionists will gain upper hand. (*Interruptions*)

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SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Sir, the imposition of Hindi is a menace in the country and thereby our people are affected. Please take note of it.

It should not be carried on further and further like this.

SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: We also support it, Sir.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, on the 10th of December, in reply to a question reached to the hon. Ministry of State for Environment, a specific question was asked about the formulation of new environment policy, in reply about the formulation of new environment policy, the hon. Minister of State for Environment informed the House that State Governments, among other agencies, experts, etc., were being consulted in the formulation of this policy. I made certain enquiries and to my knowledge, State Governments have not been consulted. Thereafter I made a specific enquiry from the Government of Rajasthan as to whether there had been any consultation between the Ministry of Environment and the Government of Rajasthan in

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