

12.08 hrs.

RE. ARREST OF MEMBER (SHRI MADHU LIMAYE)

SHRI RABI RAY rose—

MR. SPEAKER: About Shri Madhu Limaye I have got the telegram. I will send it to the Home Minister. I will get some information from the Home Minister. Until then please wait.

श्री रवि राय : (पूरी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मधु लिमये और अर्जुन सिंह भदौरिया दोनों सदस्य हमारे जेल में हैं, यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: I know. Whatever Shri Fernandez has given I have passed on to the Home Minister.

श्री रवि राय : उनको यहाँ आने दिया जाये। मधु लिमये के खिलाफ कोई क्रिमिनल चार्ज नहीं है। उनको सदन में आने की इजाजत नहीं दी गई। सरकार उनके खिलाफ जो मामला है वह वापस ले और उनको सदन में आने दिया जाय। श्री भदौरिया और मधु लिमये दोनों को यहाँ आने दिया जाये।

MR. SPEAKER: What Shri Fernandez gave me yesterday I have sent to the Home Minister. Let us see what he has to say.

श्री राम सेबक यादव (बाराबंकी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इसी के बारे में एक निवेदन है अर्जुन सिंह जी के बारे में। वहाँ दो बार जेल में लाठी चार्ज हुआ है . . . . . (ध्वनि)

श्री रवि राय : तो आप बाद में इसके ऊपर इजाजत देंगे।

श्री सरजू पांडेय (गाजीपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, एक मिनट आप हमारी बात सुन लीजिए। अध्यापकों के एसोशिएशन ने तय किया है कि एम० पी० के घरों पर जा कर रहेंगे। मेरे घर पर 50 आदमी पड़े हुए हैं।

MR. SPEAKER: I know that. Will you kindly sit down now?

AN HON. MEMBER: On a point of order, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no point of order. The Speaker is in the Chair and nothing is happening. That cannot be a subject of a point of order.

SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI rose—

MR. SPEAKER: Not when there is no order.

श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : (हापड़) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा निवेदन यह है कि आपने शायद 18 ता० के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश के प्राथमिक अध्यापकों के बारे में कार-एटेंशन मन्जूर कर लिया है, आप यह बात उनको बता दीजिये, ताकि सदन में ऐसी कठिन स्थिति पैदा ही न हो।

MR. SPEAKER: I know, some of these calling-attentions which they are raising are before me. Some of them have been admitted but I do not want to announce that I have admitted some of the things that are being raised in an indisciplined way because I do not want to surrender to it. This is a wrong thing that is happening. What can the Speaker do if they raise things in this way?

श्री शिवचन्द्र झा : (मधुबनी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister.

12.12 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the House is aware of the bonds of friendship between the peoples of Latin America and India. Soon after our independence we established diplomatic relations with some countries of this region to further strengthen our relations. The political and economic realities of the contemporary world make it essential for us to constantly renew and establish our international links. During these years, leaders and some Heads of Governments from that continent have visited us in India. Many Governments had extended invitations to us but, so far, it had not been possible for any Head of

the Government of India to visit South America.....(Interruption).

I had received several invitations myself and in response to them visited Brazil, Uruguay, Argentine, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tabago and Guyana....(Interruption). I was accorded the privilege of addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations during my brief stop-over in New York....(Interruption).

It was heartening to see what enormous goodwill and friendship there is for India in these countries. I found that we knew less about South America than the people of South America know of us.....(Interruption). The names of Gandhiji, Tagore and Nehru are widely known and quoted. In every country the reception which was accorded to me, as the representative of India, by the Governments and the people, provided unmistakable proof that these distant lands entertain sincere feelings of warmth and friendship for us. It was a moving experience to discover that India is held in such high esteem, and indeed, affection. Everywhere there is deep interest in our present endeavours and understanding of our efforts to promote international peace and co-operation....(Interruption).

During the visit, I took the opportunity to have an exchange of views on a broad range of national and international political and economic problems. These countries belong to a single continent but each has a distinctive personality of its own. All of them face problems which in some ways are similar to our own. They are determined to preserve their national identities and to overcome the challenge of social change and economic development in a rapidly changing world. Confronted as they are with the problems of growth and the need to increase trade as a step towards development and self-reliance.....(Interruption), they also attach great importance to the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

In my conversations with the leaders in these countries, it was agreed that we could help each other by increasing our contacts in different fields and at various levels and by sharing our experiences. Every effort

will be made to facilitate the exchange of scientific and technological information between our countries.

AN HON. MEMBER : On a point of order, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : After she has finished.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI : As Hon'ble Members are aware India and Brazil are to co-operate in the field of utilisation of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. The officials who accompanied me had useful discussions with their counterparts in these countries in regard to trade and other forms of mutually beneficial economic co-operation, among other matters.. (Interruption) a Trade Delegation will proceed to South America in the near future to follow up on the visit....(Interruption). The House is aware of the steps which have been initiated to further promote and strengthen cultural exchange in various fields, through visits of scholars, writers, and other creative artists and their works.. (Interruption).

During my visit, I announced the opening of a resident mission in Venezuela. We hope that similar widening of our representations in the Continent will be possible in future.

At the United Nations, the representatives of Indian and Latin American countries have worked together closely on a large number of issues which have come up before the world body or its agencies...:

SHRI S. KUNDU (Balasore) : Sir, I rise on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : Will you kindly sit down? If at all a point of order in the middle of the statement must be allowed, it must be his, not yours. The hon. Member, Shri Shiva Chandra Jha raised a point of order in the beginning and I tried to avoid it. I thought let the statement be over first.

श्री शिव चन्द्र झा (मधुबनी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी सरकार के विरुद्ध अविश्वास का प्रस्ताव चल रहा है, इस पर बहस जारी है, इनके अस्तित्व पर ही अविश्वास है, ऐसी स्थिति में लेटिन अमरीका के दूर में क्या हुआ और उन्होंने क्या देखा, उस पर हमें क्या

[श्री शिवचन्द्र झा]

विश्वास होगा। पहले इसका निबटारा ही जाय, उसके बाद स्टेटमेंट ही। . . . .  
 . . . . व्यवधान . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: You say that the No-Confidence Motion is being discussed and you do not want any statement to be made. Until the No-Confidence Motion is passed and the Government is thrown out, they will have to function as Government. You cannot help it. There must be some Government, whether their Government or your Government.

श्री शिवचन्द्र झा : महोदय, पहले ये अपने अस्तित्व को बचायें, आप इस बुनियादी बात को क्यों नहीं लेते हैं।

श्री कामेश्वर सिंह (खगरिया) : हम समझते हैं कि सरकार गिर जायेगी, इसी लिये हम ऐसा कहते हैं।

श्री रवि राय : ये बाद में अपना बयान दे सकती हैं।

SHRI S. KUNDU: I am on a very important point of order. It has been the settled convention of the House that whenever a Minister, including the Prime Minister, goes out, before the statement is made in the House, it should not be given publicity anywhere, either in the papers or on the radio. Now, the statement which she is making has been broadcast *verbatim* by the All India Radio which is owned by the Congress Party. This is a breach of the convention and trust reposed in the House. Therefore, I submit that you declare the statement out of order.

SHRI NAMBIAR (Tiruchirappali): It should not be allowed to be read here.

SHRI S. KUNDU: I think it is a contempt of the House.

SHRI NAMBIAR: It is a point of breach of privilege or contempt of the House.

SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL (Chandigarh): The practice has been that the Parliament is taken into confidence first. She has disclosed all her tour impressions

first in the meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Board and the Congress Executive body. When it was on the agenda that she was to make a statement in the House, I think, it should have been better to follow the convention and to make the statement in the House first before disclosing it anywhere.

MR. SPEAKER: That is a separate question. You can give it to me later and I will examine it. Now the statement to be made need not be stopped in the middle. It is almost over. About the technicality and all that, we shall see later.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: The representatives of India and the Latin American countries at the United Nations have worked together closely on a large number of issues which have come up before the world body or its agencies. We intend to enlarge and deepen these contacts in the spirit of the United Nations Charter and of international co-operation.

The visit to Trinidad & Tobago and to Guyana had particular interest, more so because a large segment of the population of these countries is of Indian origin. It was gratifying to find that they have identified themselves with their new homelands and are contributing to the progress and development of the countries of their domicile. In these countries, as indeed in the countries of Latin America, we were happy to find harmony between the people of different racial and cultural origins. In response to requests from these Governments, we have offered to provide technical know-how and other kinds of economic co-operation to help them in their development plans.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is to our advantage and in our national interest to forge the closest relations with the large number of proud and resurgent nations of South America and the Carribean. We hope that with the follow-up action which we have in mind, our objective of developing close and fruitful relationship with them will be realised.

I should like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the welcome and hospitality which was accorded to me and the members of my party.