

[Shri Uma Shanker Dikshit] not only of the Willingdon Hospital but of all other institutions will appreciate the importance and value, in a democracy, of courteous behaviour towards all citizens. I am grateful to the Hon'ble Member for the spirit of forbearance which he has shown in this matter.

I would like to inform the House that I had deputed the Additional Director General of Health Services to study the working of the casualty department and to make suggestions for effecting improvements. The Additional Director General completed his study and made detailed recommendations which were, after consideration in the Ministry and consultation with the hospital authorities, accepted and instructions were accordingly issued on June 23, 1972. The Directorate General of Health Services has been ordered to organise surprise visits to the emergency wards. I am informed that during recent visits the officers have noticed improvement. I am confident that this trend of improvement would be maintained and the functioning of the casualty department would leave nothing to be desired.

MR. SPEAKER : I think we should drop it now.

STATEMENT BY SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA RE. HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

12.26 hrs.

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Bangalore): I am put to the necessity of making a statement as some false allegations against me have been Published in connection with my resignation from the Council of Ministers.

It was alleged that I put up "stiff resistance" to my ouster from the Cabinet, that I even refused to resign and delayed Cabinet reshuffle.

I met the prime Minister on 16th July 1972. She Spoke in general terms about her intention to make changes in the Cabinet. She did not ask for my resignation and she said that 'we may meet again'. I came away and awaited her instructions. I waited the whole of the next day. I left Delhi on the 18th to nearby Alwar to have

a quiet time—free from correspondents and controversies. But I had kept the Prime Minister informed of the place I was staying and the phone number also so that she could at any time she pleased call me to do what she wanted.

I returned to Delhi on the 20th of my own accord. That evening she called me. We had some talk dispassionate and dignified. We understood one another at our best. On her throwing a hint that I may make room for her to re-shape her Cabinet, I readily agreed. During the course of the conversation I mentioned that I was flying to Bangalore in the morning of the next day, 21st, to attend a previously fixed function. She gracefully suggested that I might send the resignation letter from Bangalore after the function was over. I did not want to take advantage of her kindness, and sent my letter of resignation soon after — hardly an hour later. The resignation, however, was accepted two days later, on the 22nd afternoon.

The rumours that I resisted and refused to resign, are false. I have been a student of Public Administration. It is an elementary principle which everyone knows that a Prime Minister has the right and authority to choose her colleagues. That a few persons and papers of the left as well as the right should give publicity to revengeful falsehood, for the undisclosed reason of my failing to oblige them when in office, is an unbecoming feature of our public life. I have to put up with such accusations—for, a time will come when they are bound to revise their opinion of me and my performance. Facts and figures of improvements effected in Railway administration during the time I held office will continue to speak long after the echoes of false and conspiring criticisms against me will have died down.

I might also disclose to the House that at no time was there any issue of disagreement between me and the Prime Minister. I have been happy and satisfied that she is evolving and implementing many of the important policies and points I have been advocating for a long time. I

is not the office she gave me that made me accept her leadership but her ideas and ways. My resignation from the Cabinet will not adversely affect my loyalty to her leadership. Appointment or disappointment, at best, is an individual affair and the mighty task that the Congress Party has undertaken under her leadership is of overriding importance to me.

13.29 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. AGREEMENT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister of External Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : *rose*

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (स्वालय) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस सम्बन्ध में मैंने आप को पत्र लिखा हुआ है। इससे पहले कि विदेश मंत्री महोदय को वक्तव्य देने का अवसर दें मैं चाहता हूँ कि आप मुझे सुनें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस बारे में आप ने मुझे पहले ही सप्सटैशियल मोशन दिया हुआ है। आप कृपया अभी बैठ जायें और मिनिस्टर साहब को अपना वक्तव्य देने दें।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैंने आप से निवेदन किया है कि पालियामेंट की बैठक 31 जुलाई को पहले से तय थी तो बैठक प्रारम्भ होने के तीन दिन पहले ही शिमला समझौते को राष्ट्रपति द्वारा रेटिफाई किया जाना, उस पर, दस्तखत किया जाना, पालियामेंट की बैठक के लिये प्रतीक्षा तक न करना यह पालियामेंट का प्रमान है, पालियामेंट की प्रवृत्ति है। अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह सदन कोई मुहर लगाने की मशीन नहीं है और आप भी कोई मिट्टी का साधो नहीं हैं। इस देश में लोकतांत्रिक परम्पराएं चलेंगी या नहीं? मैं आप के सामने कास्टिट्यूशन....

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप तो ऐसे बोलते हैं जैसे बाहर कोई जल्ला हो रहा है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : आप को सुनना होगा मैं व्यवस्था का प्रश्न उठा रहा हूँ। अब यह कहा

जा रहा है कि पालियामेंट का एम्बुल लेने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है। आप को याद होगा कि.....

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप ने डिस्पूबल का रेजोल्यूशन दिया हुआ है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : डिस्पूबल की बात तो बाद में आयेगी। यह तो इम्प्रोप्रायटी की गई है। यह पालियामेंट के खिलाफ एफंड है। पालियामेंट की बैठक तीन दिन बाद होने जा रही है लेकिन सरकार ने शिमला समझौते को तुरन्त रेटिफाई कर दिया। हमारा उन से मतभेद है, हम उस की आलोचना करते, लेकिन उन्होंने पालियामेंट के मुंह पर तमाचा मारा है। (व्यवधान)

आपने देखा होगा कि जो दल शिमला समझौते पर सरकार के साथ हैं, जो शिमला समझौते का समर्थन करने वाले हैं, उन्होंने भी इस तरह की आलोचना की है। उन्होंने कल प्रधान मंत्री की बैठक का बहिष्कार किया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप तो भाषण में पड़ गए।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : भाषण नहीं दूँगे तो क्या करेंगे? अगर हाथा-पाई करने की बात होती तो अलग बात होती।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपने रेजोल्यूशन दिया हुआ है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मुझे बड़ा खेद है कि आप सदन की मर्यादा की रक्षा नहीं कर रहे हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह मर्यादा तो आपके हाथ में है।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अगर आपकी जगह कोई और अध्यक्ष होता तो सरकार से कहता कि उसने तीन दिन पहले समझौते को रेटिफाई करके इस सदन की प्रवृत्ति की है। मैं विदेश मंत्री से कहूंगा कि वह सदन के सामने माफी मांगे। वह कहते हैं कि संविधान में यह नहीं लिखा कि इस तरह का समझौता सदन के सामने रखा जाना चाहिये। मैं डा० अम्बेदेकर का कोटेशन आपके सामने रखना चाहता

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप जब बोले, तब उसको कहें।