

pre-empt any violence in Punjab in this respect. If more paramilitary forces are required by the State, the same should be despatched forthwith. Any other measures in this respect should be taken at once. *(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY (Allahabad):

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in spite of there being the Government of the Bhartiya Janata Party that gives the slogan of society free of fear.

...*(Interruptions)* This matter relates to women. Please keep silence ...*(Interruptions)* I should be allowed to speak at least about the injustice being meted out to our daughters and daughters-in-law. *(Interruptions)*. Mr. Speaker, Sir, harassment of women is going on. Women are being gang-raped under the influence of the police and the leaders. The women of Paddevna village in Deoria district were raped only because their family members had filed a criminal suit against the station incharge. The station incharge along with his full force went to the house of those four women, stripped the women naked and then they gang-raped them. They threw away all their household articles. They inserted sticks into their private parts and poured petrol into them. This is great humiliation for them. Who would defined such actions in the country? Do the women have no honour? A man dies once in a massacre but a women victim of rape dies every moment and has to suffer humiliation every moment in society.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, once I had stated that the problem of providing protection to women is very serious and a meeting of all the Chief Ministers should be called to discuss the question of providing security and protection to women and to consider taking stringent steps for this purpose. But my suggestion was not paid any attention because it

was related to women. Or. the one hand, his excellency Mr. President in his Address states that women are the most vulnerable section our society. They are called goddess incarnate and it is talked of giving them due representation. On the other hand, these women face such humiliation every day and nobody checks the wrong doers. Leaders also are among the rapists. The Minister of Home Affairs of that State* had given the slogan of "Fearless society", but such misbehaviour with women have taken place in his home town itself.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Names will not go on record. *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, when Shri Harkewal Prasad went to lodge a report the District Magistrate told him that he had come to know only then. It is strange that such a serious incident related to women had happened and the inspector himself was the culprit and no action was taken against him. The problem of women is not of a particular State only, it is a problem of whole of the country. Therefore, stern action should be taken against such incidents. I urge upon you that regardless of the posts held by culprits, stern action should be taken against them.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, once again I would like to request you that a meeting of all the Chief Ministers should be convened and the question of security of women should be discussed and instructions should be issued to take stern action against those who maltreat women.

The Minister of Home Affairs should made a statement as Why did such an incidents take place? The wrong doors are still roaming scot free. Action should be

taken against them. So long as atrocities will continue to be committed against women, the nation can never progress.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Now I think a very serious matter has been raised. I am not referring to one individual matter, but I am referring to the plight of women and children in the country. Last time also, it was suggested that we should take it up for discussion in the House. In the last two Sessions, we had discussed certain important issues such as the condition of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people in the country, law and order situation, etc. I hope this time we would be in a position to discuss the condition of women and children. But we are not going to consider individual issues as such because we have limited power to deal with individual issues. But broadly speaking, the condition of women will be discussed and we will take it up.

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to express my thanks to you for taking this issue seriously and giving assurance to the House. Sir, such incidents are occurring in large numbers in the country. This incident, in particular, is an example. I would like to express my gratitude to you for giving your remarks on it and I think the hon. Prime Minister will take it seriously and think over it. (Interruptions)

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is one thing more.

MR. SPEAKER: You have spoken a lot on it. Now you shall not raise this issue. (Interruptions)

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI (Jhansi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to speak on it. I want to say something.

MR. SPEAKER: You need not say anything. (Interruptions)

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: The information given to the House is wrong. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, please, not in this way.

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: I am ready to have debate on it. But wrong information should not be given to the House by the hon. Member... (Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. Your utterances will serve no purpose. Had you been a leader, you would have dealt it in a different way. (Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: No, Please. I am not allowing you.

SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY (Adilabad): Respected Speaker Sir, The Sirdid Company Limited in Adilabad is producing cellulose acetate rayon yarn and fabric which is in great demand in textiles. There are 5,000 workers employed in this factory. Unfortunately, the factory is under lock-out for more than five years, mainly due to shortage of alcohol which is a basic raw material and also because of power shortage.

Revival of the industry was made and the unit was examined by the BIFR. Ultimately, a four-man expert committee appointed by the State Government came to the finding that the unit is financially viable.