

RAJYA SABHA

***SUPPLEMENT**

TO

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATE

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SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

Situation Arising out of the Reported Increase in the Incidents of Lynching and Atrocities on Minorities and Dalits across the Country - *Contd.*

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Recently, so many incidents are happening in the country in the name of cow vigilantism against Dalits and minorities. It is shameful for a democratic country. According to the Constitution of India, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, all minorities and Dalits have to be treated equally. India is the highest exporter of beef. In some States of our country people eat beef. It depends on weather conditions and it is because of poverty. Beef is the cheapest food. Hon. Prime Minister wants development of everyone. Many times, he requested cow vigilantes to maintain peace and advised them not to take law into their own hands. But, in spite of requests, we are hearing some major incidents. It is very sad to see or hear such occurrences and happenings. One can find lynching of minorities and Dalits in other parts of the country, but not in Tamil Nadu. It is a human disaster. So, the Government should

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make a Human Disaster Task Force in each and every district. It should go to the place of incident. Local MLAs and local MPs should also go there. It has to go to the spot and immediately take action, report it to the Governor and also send on the spot Report to the Government. It has to say what immediately could be done. Animals are created for human beings. This country should not see anything in the name of cow vigilantism. The Government of Tamil Nadu is giving everything for minorities, Muslims and Dalits. Socially also they are very good. Everyone is being empowered. But, I would like to reiterate that the Government should take a bold step and set up a Human Disaster Management Force. And, wherever any disturbance takes place, it should be rushed there.

SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Those who are resorting to vandalism and killing innocent people, in my opinion, are the militants of our country. This is a matter of grave concern for our country and we should take it seriously. We have been witnessing for the several months that how atrocities are being committed against Dalits. People are beating Dalits and making their videos and posting them as well. Similarly, our Muslim brothers are being lynched somewhere in trains and somewhere in crowds. Not only this, a feeling of terror has crept in among our Christian brothers these days. 11 such incidents have occurred within these 17-18 days in Goa in this month only. Because of slackness of our laws, such incidents are rising more. In my opinion, due to no action being taken on time against them also, these problems are increasing. So far, there is no law in our country against mob lynching. Therefore, a stringent law should be framed in this regard immediately by our Parliament and Government. Besides, our youth also need to be taught about religious tolerance through education.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA MISRA: People belonging to minority groups, middle class, farmers, labourers, poor etc., are being severely exploited in the BJP ruled states in the country. Today, many innocent people are being victimised in the name protecting cows in various parts of the country. We have also witnessed many cases of lynching particularly in BJP ruled states. They are instigating people for indulging in caste war and inter-religion war. The Government is not ready to hear the voice of *dalits* and not allowing anyone including our party leader to raise their concerns too. But, we will fought for them and will protest against the massacre of minority people in the country. You have got the mandate to rule and work for the development in the country not to victimise the *dalits and* minorities. The Chief Minister of U.P. has not visited Saharanpur yet and not permitting our party to financially help the victim families. In this regard several evidences have been presented. The mind-set about the dalits, minorities and people of the upper class is known to all. Class war, caste war and all other types of wars are going on. As far as mandate is concerned, we also having a large follow-up base.

SHRI MAJEED MEMON: It is the biggest irony that cow is considered a symbol of peace. On the one hand extreme peace and on the other it is extreme terrorism. The murders in the country are taking place in ordinary times also in different parts in different States. I am not distinguishing on the basis of ruling party of the State. I am concerned with my country as a whole. Instant death is lawlessness. It's an act which only reflects a society which is certainly not governed by rule of law. In the Constitution of India, a foundational provision i.e. Article 21 is there. It is the right to life and the right to life is the paramount provision under the Constitution. Nothing would survive if right to life does not survive. Right to life includes- to live with a sense of security, peace and fearlessness. If the State fails in discharging its duty for a certain section of the people, who are deprived of this benefit of right to live fearlessly, Article 21 is violated. All these murders that have taken place in different parts of the country have a common link and this common link endangers India's integrity. It is done in the name of cow, but the latent motive

behind all these murders is to create religious disharmony, to create communal hatred and to create communal tension in the society. These are divisive forces which have been doing so. It would certainly become a menace and it would probably threaten our existence, our unity. A special task force should be constituted to deal with all these cow lynching cases. These are not the cases which have happened just offhand. It is very unfortunate that atrocities are being perpetrated on dalits and minorities. Article 14 of the Constitution grants Right to Equality to everybody. I would like to know the progress made in respect of all lynching cases as these are separate from other murder cases. A list of victims of all lynching cases should be prepared in order to provide relief or compensation to them. Government should take steps to check such terror.

SHRI SWAPAN DASGUPTA: All sections of the House will agree that the rule of law must prevail in India. Incidents happened in the past few months were definitely hate crimes. Now, a certain question arises: Has the character of India changed fundamentally since May, 2014? The Leader of the Opposition said that it is a matter of great shame that nobody in that train came forward to help the boy in Ballabgarh station. He quoted that in the United States, people act differently. Now, are we to conclude from there that India has suddenly become a lesser sort of human being? There was an incident in Chauri Chaura in which crowd of Indian nationalists carrying Congress flags burnt 24 policemen. Are we going to tar the entire nationalist movement because of what happened in Chauri Chaura. Violence has been an unfortunate part of Indian history. Does that make us lesser human beings? People have to realize that while extra-judicial killings are unacceptable and should be met with the strongest opposition. It has also to be recognized that beef is a very, very sensitive subject in India. There must have been compelling reasons as to why in the Directive Principles, there is a clause about cow slaughter. There is a certain degree of intense sensitivity. The question is how do we manage that sensitivity and, yet, prevent this sort of vigilantism. There are certain sensitivities which had to be recognized. We have to understand that this issue has

tarred the name of nation. It is done deliberately with a propose. Obviously there can be political differences but it does not mean that if you support anti-lynching you have to oppose GST or something else. If this problem persist, it will tar the name of nation.

Discussion not concluded.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

1. Demand for Taking Effective Steps to check Increasing Number of Crimes against Women in Country, Particularly, in Delhi

SMT. CHHAYA VERMA: After Nirbhya's case, stringent law was enacted but crimes against women have increased multi fold during the last three years. Such crimes are highest in Delhi. Kidnapping cases of women are still very high in Chhatisgrah. Delhi is a heaven for criminals. They commit crimes in a well-planned manner and in maximum cases they escape easily. Effective steps should be taken to curb the crimes against women so that they can feel safe.

2. Demand for Framing Rules for Proper Disposal of Impounded Vehicles in Various Police Stations in Country

SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Almost every police station across the country is found highly occupied with impounded vehicles which are caught by police and remain unclaimed by their owners owing to legal complications. These vehicles containing large quantity of precious metals get rotted later resulting in huge national loss. Therefore a law with simple legal procedure may be enacted in order to stop this national loss and the provisions for rights of their auctioning or recycling by government may also be made therein if any such vehicle remains unclaimed within the prescribed period of time.

3. Demand for Expediting Release of Funds Sanctioned for Centrally-Sponsored Schemes in Tamil Nadu

SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: The Government of Tamil Nadu had sought an early release of Rs.16,959 crore pending from various ministries of the Central Government to Tamil Nadu. The pending releases were for expenditure incurred towards the implementation of various Centrally-sponsored schemes and arrears of other dues. Any delay in the release of funds sanctioned for the projects will adversely affect the success of the Centrally-sponsored schemes. Therefore, I urge the Union Government to expedite the release of Rs. 16,959 crore due to Tamil Nadu.

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12	24	Read "all" for "everybody".
18	21	Delete "not" after "were".