

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 9th July 1998/ 18 Asadha,
1920 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr.
Chairman in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Parmeshwar Kumar Agarwalla
(Bihar)
2. Shri Anil Kumar (Bihar)
3. Shrimati Saroj Dubey (Bihar)
4. Shri Gaya Singh (Bihar)
5. Shri Ramendra Kumar Yadav Ravi (Bihar)
6. Shri Kapil Sibal (Bihar)
7. Shri Pramod Mahajan
(Maharashtra)
8. Shri Aimaduddih Ahmad Khan (Durru)
(Rajasthan)

. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka):
Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have an urgent matter to
raise. Unfortunately, the future of 215 million
people of this country is in the doldrums.
Yesterday, one of the Cabinet Ministers of this
Government has come out openly saying that
the reservation policy was only up to 50 years
and it would be reviewed hereafter. We want a
categorical statement. (*Interruptions*). Contrary
to the National Agenda, a Minister of the
Government is making a statement outside the
House. What is the stand of the Government?
We want a clarification on this.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra
Pradesh): On April 13th, the hon. Prime
Minister has assured that reservations will be
continued and yesterday Mr. Jethmalani has
spoken like this. He should apologise.
(*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (West
Bengal): Mr. Jethmalani is a member of the
Cabinet, of the Government. A Cabinet
member cannot make such a statement. Mr.
Jethmalani cannot make such a statement
outside the House when

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the House is in Session. It is a total
infringement of the rights of the House and he
has violated the privilege of the House. The
hon. Prime Minister is here.... (*Interruptions*).

श्री सुरेश पचौरी(मध्य प्रदेश): उनके मंत्री इस तरह
की बातें करें इसके लिए प्रधान मंत्री को स्वीकरण देना
चाहिए।...(व्यवधान)

SHRI H. HANUMANTHA-
PPA: Parliament is taken for a ride and policy
statements are made outside Parliament.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Let the
hon. Prime Minister speak on this. It should
be clarified once for all. A Minister should
not do that. When the Prime Minister has
assured the people, why does a Cabinet
Minister speak like this? (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, please let the
Prime Minister speak.

प्रधान मंत्री श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: सभापति
जी, रिजर्वेशन के बारे में चाहे शैड्यूल्ड का सट के लिए
हो, चाहे शैड्यूल्ड ट्राईब्स के लिए हो सरकार की नीति
में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं हुआ है। सरकार की नीति
यथावत् है। अगर किसी मंत्री ने अपने विचार प्रकट किए
हैं तो वह उनके व्यक्तिगत विचार हो सकते
हैं....(व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him speak, please. Ish
Duttji, please let him complete. It is wrong to
interrupt when the Prime Minister is on his
legs.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी:
सभापति, महोदय, मुझे अपना वाक्य पूरा नहीं करने
दिया गया है। मैं यह कह रहा था कि अगर ऐसे विचार
प्रकट किए गए हैं तो मंत्री के नाते व्यक्तिगत विचार भी
सरकार की नीति से अलग हों, यह ठीक नहीं है और
मंत्री महोदय से इस बारे में जवाब तलब किया जाएगा।

ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 321.

*321. [*The questionnaire (Shri Yadlapti
Venkat Rao) was absent. For answer, vide col.
24 infra*]