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actually condemning the Railway Ministry. He has said something regarding the concessions given by the Railway Ministry for Kerala. He has said that he was expecting very much because he was given certain promises. Now, according his statement The Railway Ministry has gone back on all those promises and assurances. The work has now been completely stopped in all these areas. He has already registered his strong protest. But I do not know what the Railway Ministry is going to do about it.

I just wanted to raise this issue and wanted to draw the attention of the Railway Minister through you to this. I hope that the Railway Ministry will do something in the matter. Thank you, Madam.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, with your permission, I wish to associate myself with what Mr. Balaram has said. I do not speak on it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I appreciate it! Now, Mr. O. Rajagopal.

Kerala Government's decision about weekly holiday in schools with a majority of Muslim students/teachers on Friday instead of Sunday

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL (Madhya Pradesh): Madam, I wish to invite the attention of the Government to a serious onslaught on the secular spirit of the Constitution that is going on in Kerala.

Madam, we have heard of human beings considered as Hindus or Muslims. But, in Kerala, we find now that schools also are classified as Hindu schools or Muslim schools.

Last week, suddenly, the Government of Kerala decided to define what a Muslim school was and said that in those schools where the majority of the students belonged to the Muslim community or where the majority of the staff also belonged to the Muslim community or in cases where, once upon a time, the schools were described as Muslim schools, in such cases, the weekly holiday would be Friday instead of Sunday. Government of Kerala has suddenly decided that the compulsory weekly holiday for them would be on Friday and not on Sunday.

Now, this sudden decision of the Government of Kerala has been prompted by considerations of the coming by-election to the Lok Sabha in the Ottapalam constituency which seat has been vacated by our honourable Chairman. The election is due on the 19th and about twenty per cent of the voters here belong to the Muslim community and the President of the Muslim League has already come out openly with a statement that the Muslims will not vote for the Congress (I) after what they have done in Ayodhya. After this stand by the Muslim League, now it is very difficult for the Congress (I) to win over the 20 per cent Muslim vote. So, in order to corner this twenty per cent Muslim vote, the Kerala Government has come out with this demarcation of the educational institutions as Muslim schools and Hindu schools. This is directly in violation of the spirit of secularism enshrined in our Constitution. This is highly condemnable on two grounds: Firstly, it violates the spirit of secularism enshrined in our Constitution and, secondly

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this decision has been suddenly taken after the declaration of the election and after the electoral process has commenced. It is inviolation of the Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission. Thank your, Madam

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): सदर साहिबा, मुझे इस किस्म की बातों के सिलसिले में जुबान वगैरा की बात को बीच में लाना बिल्कूल गैर-जरूरी महसूस होता है लेकिन बान्यी हम नया करना चाहते हैं? नया यहां अब ये तय होगा कि किस फिरके के लिए जुम्मे को छुट्टी हो, किस फिरके के लिए मंगलवार को हो, किस फिरके के लिए इतवार को हो। यह किस किस्म का सिलिसला चल रहा है ? हम बनाना क्या चाहते हैं? मैं यह जानना चाहता हं कि कितना बह रहे हैं, कितना ड्रिफ्ट में ले आ हैं हम हिन्द्स्तान को ? हम हिन्द्स्तान के ताने-बाने को किस ह(लत में ले आए हैं? कितना कमजोर करना चहित हैं हम देश को ? इलेक्शन हो यान हो लेकिन आखिर यह कौन कर रहा है और किस तरीके से इसको रोका जाएगा ?

सामने मिनिस्टर साहब बैठे हुए हैं। केरल के अन्दर तो कांग्रेस की कोयेलिशन की सरकार है। केरल के अन्दर तो नए-नए ऐक्सपेरिमेंट्स हो चुके हैं। मल्लापुरम डिस्ट्रिक्ट भी बन चुका है, कांचीपुरम का बाजार भी लग चुका है। हिन्दुस्तान को हम बनाना क्या चाहते हैं? मुझे बहुत सख्त ऐतराज है यह जो सिलसिला वहां शुरू हुआ है, इस पर। मैं उम्मीद करता हूं कि कांग्रेस के लोग अपनी कांग्रेस को केरल में बताएंगे कि इस किस्म के काम करके हिंदुस्तान के लोगों के अन्दर तकसीम पैदा करने की कोक्शियन करें।

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Need to develop Mongpong, A Tourist Spot, in North Bengal

SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairperson, though abounding in natural resources, North Bengal has unfortunately remained one of the most

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