

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** Let the Finance Minister come. Why are you in a hurry?..(Interruptions)...

**SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu) :** Madam, the Leaders of the Opposition are in a meeting and it was announced that the Finance Minister would come and make a statement.. (Interruptions)...

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** They are coming. But now let us continue with the discussion.. (Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** How can we continue, Madam ?..(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Mr. Gopalsamy, I have called you. If you don't want to speak, I will call another Member...(Interruptions)...

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** Madam Deputy Chairman, this is not fair...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Mr Gopalsamy, you are present in the House Are you speaking or not?..(Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** Madam, we waited for so many hours.. (Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** When the Chairman takes a decision, I will announce it. Unless and until I get the decision conveyed to me, I cannot make any announcement...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** We have been adjourning the House many times from the morning. For what purpose? We had a discussion and we arrived at a consensus...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Just a minute. The Finance Minister is coming....(Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** Then let us wait for him...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** I cannot wait. We cannot leave the House like this..(Interruptions).. Otherwise, I will have to adjourn the House again...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** You adjourn the House then...(Interruptions).... Yes, He is coming now.

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Now you are all happy and satisfied that the Finance Minister is coming?

**SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :** Is he placing the Budget papers on the Table in advance?...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** As directed by the Chairman, the Finance Minister will lay on the Table of the House the documents...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** What documents?...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** That he will tell. How can I tell? I am not laying it on the Table. He is laying and let him say...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :** Madam, does not the Chair have to be satisfied? You have to satisfy yourself about that... (Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Let him say that...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :** Madam, you have to satisfy yourself about what documents he is going to lay on the Table How are you permitting him without knowing what documents he is going to lay? ... (Interruptions).... How are you permitting him without knowing what documents he is going to lay ?

**SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :** What is the document he is going to lay on the Table...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :** Madam, you have to know that. You cannot plead ignorance, Madam Deputy Chairman...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Mr. Yashwant Sinha, whatever documents the Finance Minister laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha, he is going to lay here...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI MURASOLI MARAN :** Have you seen the documents? Are they authenticated? Do not bring in the name of the Lok Sabha here...(Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** Would you like me even to specify what he is going to lay on the Table? He is going to lay on the Table his letter of the 11th November, 1991 to the President of the World Bank...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :** Is it in order? ... (Interruptions)....

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :** I do not know...(Interruptions)....

**SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY :** Madam, I am on a point of order.. (Interruptions).... Madam, I am on a point of order...(Interruptions)....

**AN HON. MEMBER :** A strange situation has developed (Interruptions)....

#### PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE FINANCE MINISTER

Copy of a letter dated 11-11-91 written by the Finance Minister to the President of the World Bank—

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): I beg to lay a copy of my letter dated 11th November 1991 to the President World Bank. (Interruptions).

AN HON. MEMBER: We want a discussion on the subject. (Interruptions). It is a matter of privilege. (Interruptions).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can when you get copies of both the letters. (Interruptions). That matter, for me, is closed now. Finished. (Interruptions).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): I wanted to move a motion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No motion can be moved when some other motion is there in the House. I have got business. Now, we go on to the motion regarding Jammu and Kashmir. Mr. V. Gopalsamy to continue. (Interruption) If you do not want to continue, I will call someone else. (Interruptions) You cannot say 'but' and 'if'. Go ahead (Interruptions) I am going to get both the letters & circulated to the Members.

AN HON. MEMBER: Today?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not immediately. As soon as the Secretariat is ready, we will... (Interruptions) How many times should I repeat this? I think it is the tenth time when I am saying that everything will be circulated. Okay? Satisfied? Go ahead. (Interruptions) As soon as the Secretariat is ready with photo-copies. (Interruptions) No adjournments any more. We have to complete the discussion on Jammu and Kashmir. Mr. Gopalsamy. (Interruptions) Mr. Gopalsamy, are you continuing?

**STATUTORY RESOLUTION SEEKING APPROVAL OF CONTINUANCE IN FORCE OF PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION IN RELATION TO JAMMU AND KASHMIR—Contd.**

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam, from the World Bank crisis now let us go to Jammu and Kashmir.

Madam, the sense of alienation started long back in the valley of Kashmir due to the onslaught in the past of the Delhi Durbar against the spirit of democracy and the concept of federalism, which only could unite the country. 4.00 P.M.

(The Vice-Chairman (Dr. Nagen Saikia) in The Chair)

Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the Hindu card was played by the Congress (I)

partisan and parochial political ends. The unjustifiable, the most ridiculous exercise of the BJP in the name of Ekta Yatra added insult to the injury already caused to the Valley of Kashmir. Sir, Cape Comorin witnessed a gala celebration when Dr. Murlī Manohar Joshi was blessed by Mr. Lal Krishna Advani and the party cadres of the BJP. The tri-colour national flag was dipped in the sacred waters of Kanyakumari where there is the confluence of the three seas. With what fanfare and publicity the Yatra was undertaken from Cape Comorin to Jammu! Sir, this Ekta Yatra did not spread the message of accommodation or conciliation or love and affection. The seeds of jingoism and religious chauvinism were sown right from Cape Comorin till they reached Jammu. Sir, even the newspaper, 'the Hindu' in its very strong editorial heavily came down upon this exercise. Sir, I quote:

"It causes real setback in the process of isolating the militants and restoring the faith of the people of Kashmir in the Indian Nation State. By all accounts, the threat of the BJP's arrival in Srinagar has united the various militant groups as never before. Not only has the Ekta message caused fresh alienation in Srinagar, but its consequence is likely to be irreparable damage to the continued integration of Kashmir. And Dr. Joshi's continued harping on the need to scrap and delete article 370 destroyed the remnants of any inclination on the part of the people of Kashmir.. (Interruptions).

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): This is not news. This is a view. You have quoted the editorial of "Hindu" but not its news.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Why are you agitated? Your Party has got a chance. You can express your own view. It is my view. It is the view of my Party. So, Sir, what happened? It is not the national flag which alienated the people of Kashmir, which united the militant groups. But the fact is that those who carried the national flag, the hands which carried the flag, those who hoisted the saffron flag of the Hindu Rashtra atop the domes of Babri Masjid, when they carried the flag, it looked like a camouflage. It was not a tri-colour national flag. It looked like a saffron flag of Hindu Rashtra. Therefore, it looked like a cultural invasion or a religious aggression as far as the people of the Kashmir valley are concerned. The most painful paradox of the whole episode is... (Time bell rings) ...Sir, kindly bear with me for three minutes.