

**REFERENCE TO SUICIDE BY TWO
SUSPECTS IN RAJIV GANDHI AS-
SASSINATION CASE**

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bi-
har): Madam, I have a very im-
portant point to raise.

A couple of days ago in Coimba-
tore, there were two suspected LTTE
militants who were in hiding there.
The police went there and surrounded
that place. The militants committed
suicide. The details have appeared in
today's papers. It appears that one of
the persons who committed suicide
was person called Dixon. He is des-
cribed as a close aide of Sivarasan,
who is the prime suspect in the Rajiv
Gandhi murder case. Look at the way
the whole thing is proceeding, es-
pecially after the suspicion which the
hon. Home Minister was pleased to
reflect in this House while replying
to the clarifications on the escape of
Shanmugam that he suspected the
hand of a super-power. Though he
did not name that super-power, every-
body knows what he meant. In the
light of such serious allegations which
have been levelled by no
less a person than the Home
Minister of India, what is happening
to this case? Why is it that people are
being allowed to die one after the
other? There are important witnesses
and important accomplices in this
murder case who are being allowed
to just vanish from the face of this
Earth. I want to know as to what is
happening. Then the newspaper re-
port goes on to say further that the
investigation into the suicide or what-
ever it was will be conducted by the
Tamil Nadu Police. The SIT was
present there. They had gone there
when they received information
that these two persons suspected in
the Rajiv Gandhi murder case were
in hiding in Coimbatore in that parti-
cular building. Why were steps not
taken to ensure that they were cap-
tured alive? I am sure our police is
capable of much better performance
than allowing the suspects to die.
Now, I want to know what exactly
is happening. Why are we on a two-
track approach? The Tamil Nadu

Police is doing something and the SIT
is doing something else. We do not
know what is happening in this case.
I regard this as a very serious lapse
on the part of whoever is investigat-
ing this case. This must be clarified
immediately. This House has expres-
sed its concern at the way in which
the investigations have been conduct-
ed in this very very important case.
We are all interested that not only
the culprits should be brought to
book, but the larger conspiracy in
this case should be unravelled and
the country taken into confidence. I
I am raising this point because I
want the Government to react imme-
diately and give a statement how ex-
actly these two suspects in this case
have been allowed to kill themselves.

**SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-
KANT BHANDARE** (Maharashtra):
Madam, I associate myself with what
the hon. Member has said.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA
(West Bengal): I fully associate. (In-
terruptions).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM
(Andhra Pradesh): The whole House
is unanimous on this. I want the
Leader of the House and Home Minis-
ter to come and make a statement in
this House immediately.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY
(Uttar Pradesh): He has made a
statement on the other case, but why
has he suppressed this information
from the House?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I
submit firmly that there is absolutely
an air of suspicion .. (Interrup-
tions).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The
Minister of State for Home is here.
I hope he has noted the concern of the
Members of the entire House. I think
he has taken note of it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: That is
not enough. The incident is three
days old. It happened day before
yesterday.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, राजीव गांधी की हत्या की जांच में बहुत ढिलाई दी जा रही है। ... (व्यवधान) रोज़ घटनाएं घट रही हैं, ऐसी घटनाएं रोकी जाएं और गृह मंत्री ... (व्यवधान) एक और जांच समिति ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondichery): The Tamil Nadu police is hostile towards this case. They are totally hostile towards this case, because most of them are involved in that case. In the Thanjavaur belt with the connivance of the police. LTTE people are operating in that area. Therefore, the Central Government must exclusively depute officers to investigate the case; otherwise the entire evidence in the assassination of our leader will be buried. I request the hon. Home Minister to depute them immediately.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : पुलिस खुद जिलो हुई है। ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Mr. Narayanasamy is casting aspersion on the AIADMK Government in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: What is that he is telling? The police personnel who are hostile towards this case were appointed during Karunanidhi's regime. I am telling you about it frankly.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, allow the Home Minister to react. He has taken note of it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Home Minister must react immediately because the incident took place day before yesterday. They must have all the facts. I would like the Home Minister to react immediately.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : गवर्नमेंट सीरियस नहीं है, मंडम, अभी गृह मंत्री जी के जवाब देने के बाद इस तरह की घटनाएं हो रही हैं और हमारे नेता

के हत्यारे एक-एक करके भागते जा रहे हैं। गृह मंत्री दूसरी जांच समिति नाने की घोषणा सदन में करते हैं और अभी तक वह जांच समिति नहीं बनी एस० आई० टी० पर हमारा विश्वास उठ चुका है और गृह मंत्रालय की इस जांच का, काम करने का जो तरीका है, उसकी हम निंदा करते हैं। रोज़ कोई न कोई मुजरिम भागता रहा है। इससे बड़ा अभाव पड़ता है। ... (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Home Minister react.

मंत्री जी, आप बोलिए।

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I want a clarification.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. When he is speaking, I will not permit.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : एस. आई. टी. को पहले सस्पेंड करें। ... (व्यवधान)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, the hon. Member, Mr. Yashwant Sinha has raised a very important point. The matter is really noted by me because I am present here. The Home Minister is replying to the clarifications on the short duration discussion under rule 193 in the Lok Sabha on the subject of Shanmugam murder case and allied things. As regards the Coimbatore incident, I am also aware of it that something had happened. We are collecting the details from them as to what exactly happened, the manner in which it had happened and all that. I want to assure the House that we do not want to hide any information. At the same time, it is not fair on our part to cast aspersion on any State police in general. If ...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Your own Member has criticised them.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I am only telling about that thing. If there is anybody who is found incompetent and is not doing his job well, we will have to certainly remove and replace them with trusted people who can carry out the job very well and that will be done by this Government.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : आप इनको सस्पेंड करिए... (व्यवधान) और प्रधान मंत्री जी स्टेटमेंट दें इस पर और कॉन्फिडेंस को बख्ति करी। उसकी अध्यक्षता में ऐसा हो रहा है। उसको बख्ति करी और प्रधान मंत्री जी स्वयं इस इंपोर्टेंट इश्यू पर सदन में आकर स्टेटमेंट दें। गृह मंत्री जो के स्टेटमेंट देने के बाद यह घटना हुई है। इसलिए प्रधान मंत्री जी स्वयं सदन में आकर बक्तव्य दें। हम चाहते हैं कि इस बारे में प्रधान मंत्री जी का क्या कहना है। ... (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fernandes, what do you want to say? ... (Interruptions) ... I have identified Mr. Fernandes.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन (उत्तर प्रदेश) : जब तक गोपालसामी व करुणानिधि से पूछताछ नहीं होगी तब तक मैडम, ... (व्यवधान) इस संबंध में कुछ भी आगे जांच नहीं हो सकती। ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): There are reports in the press that in Tamil Nadu two LTTE hardcore terrorists attended the funeral of Mr. Shanmugam in spite of so many police personnel and SIT people present there. This is a total failure on the part of the investigating authority. There was also a report in the press that 12 SIT officials are understood to have been suspended. I want a statement from the hon. Home Minister about this matter.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: The evidence is being destroyed. It is not just a suicide. -By that suicide, they have lost evidence. And the

whole investigation is going in a zig-zag way and in a most distorted fashion. Let the Home Minister come and make a statement on this.

डा० अब्दुल अहमद : (राजस्थान) उपसभापति महोदय, राजीव जी को मारने वाली महिला एक आत्मघाती दस्ते की सदस्या थी, यह बात गवर्नमेंट को अच्छी तरह पता है। तो जो भी व्यक्ति इस मामले में सम्मिलित है, उनमें भी कई लोग उस आत्मघाती दस्ते के सदस्य हो सकते हैं जोकि अपने आपको मारने में बिल्कुल नहीं हिचकिचाएंगे। यह जानकारी होने के बाद भी जब शनमुगम के बारे में मंत्री जी द्वारा दिए गए बक्तव्य पर स्पष्टीकरण मांगे जा रहे थे तो मैंने मंत्री महोदय से एक बात का आश्वासन मांगा था कि इस मामले के और क्लिप्स नहीं मरेंगे और इस तरह की खबरें पढ़ने को नहीं मिलेंगी कि कोई दीवार से माथा फोड़कर मर गया या कोई बम लगाकर उड़ गया और किसी ने एक दूसरे का गला घोट दिया। इस के बावजूद भी क्लिप्स एक-एक कर के मरते जा रहे हैं और हमारी सरकार और जो लोग वहां जांच कर रहे हैं, वह आखें मूंदे बैठे हैं। तो मैं सरकार से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या सारे सबूत भिट जाने के बाद इस बारे में कार्यवाही होगी? क्या राजीव गांधी की हत्या के सारे सबूत समाप्त हो जाने के बाद सरकार को आखें खुलेंगी? (Interruption)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, please. I will ask the Minister of State for Home Affairs to look into the matter and convey to the Government the sentiments of the Members, the entire House.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Yes, Madam. I will look into the matter.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: We want him to make a statement. Let him make a statement.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We demand a statement. Cutting

across party lines, the entire House demands a statement.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I said 'the entire House'. (*Interruptions*). Unfortunately, you are fond of listening to other things. Please sit down just a minute. I said 'the sentiments of the entire House, including the Chair.'

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: We want a statement today. We want an assurance from the Minister. (*Interruptions*).

श. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: उपसभापति महोदय, गृह मंत्रीजी ने जो वक्तव्य दिया था, उसके विपरीत चीजें हो रही हैं इसलिए मैं मांग करता हूँ कि प्रधान मंत्रीजी हाउस में आएँ और आश्वासन दें और उसके विपरीत कोई काम न होने पाए। महोदय, मैं मांग करता हूँ कि प्रधान मंत्रीजी हाउस में आएँ और स्टेटमेंट दें और कार्तिकेयन को आज ही सस्पेंड किया जाए।

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, may I say this?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister has already committed himself that he will come back before the House. He cannot commit more than what he knows. Until and unless he collects the information, he cannot come before the House. He cannot come back without proper information. Give him some time. He will come back.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: How much time will they take to collect the information?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, you have made your point. Let others also speak. There are other people also in this House who want to say something on this issue. Let them speak. Now let Mr. Subramanian Swamy speak.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam, in addition to your articulating the opinion of the House, I am bringing to the notice of the Minister the point that Dixon was no ordinary person. He was a key person, not so much in the assassination itself, but right through. If you see the records of the IB, Dixon figures as a very very key person in the whole LTTE episode in Tamil Nadu. Therefore, the Government must make a statement today. They may make one tomorrow also. But today, definitely before the house rises, he should make a statement so that we may know exactly what happened. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Minister should react to this. Is he making a statement today or not?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I shall try my best to come back to the House with a statement. I want to get the information. It depends on the collection of full information. If I am successful in collecting the information, I can come back to the House.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Will he come back today evening or tomorrow morning? Will he make a statement?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I cannot promise a statement now because I have to get the information.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Do you want the Minister to come back with full facts or do you want him to come and make any statement? You want him to collect the facts. And I think he could not say better than what he has said that he will try his level best to get all the information today. If he cannot, would you like him to come and make just a statement which has no meaning? Let him give the time. If he can do it today, it is fine. He is going to collect the information and come before the House. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, the hon. Minister has not made a specific commitment in regard to a statement. If he cannot make a statement today, will he make a statement tomorrow? That is

[Shri S. Jaipal Reddy]

a categorical assurance we all are seeking. (Interruptions).

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Madam, you are saying one thing and the Minister is saying a different thing. (Interruptions).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is not saying anything different. The fact is, you want to discuss this matter on the floor of the House. Right. So whichever way he brings the information before the House, that is more important. (Interruptions).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, the point is whether the Government is prepared to give a statement in this House either today or tomorrow. That is what we want. (Interruptions).

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, if every Member keeps on talking like this... (Interruptions).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, he is trying to get out of that situation. We want a definite assurance from him. (Interruptions). This incident took place day before yesterday. The Government should have known about it. The Government should have had all the facts before it. (Interruptions).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, the Minister is deliberately not making any commitment.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I can assure you that the Minister is as much concerned about finding out the culprit who murdered Rajiv Gandhi as all of us are. So he will come back. (Interruptions).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, your statement can be contested. The way the investigations are being done does not prove your statement. Your statement that the Government is as much interested is not proved. I am not prepared to accept that statement that the Government is prepared. Otherwise, the Government would have been more forthright, the Government would have been more alert. (Interruptions). They are not. (Interruptions).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now let us have discussion on the Budget.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, we all suspect that the Government is not at all serious in finding out the truth. (Interruptions).

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैं कम से कम मंत्री महोदय इतना बयान तो दे दें कि जब तक इनका बयान आएगा तब तक कोई दूसरा नहीं मरेगा।

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, there are two issues raised in the House today. One is about the Coimbatore incident about which some of my friends have just suggested. (Interruptions). Another one is about international ramifications... (Interruptions). On the Coimbatore incident, I will immediately collect as much information as possible and if I am successful to get it completely, I will come back today itself. Otherwise, may be tomorrow because today we are discussing the Budget. (Interruptions).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Rajiv Gandhi's murder case is more important and you must come out with the facts.

मौलाना अब्दुल खान आजमी (उत्तर प्रदेश): सरकार को यह मालूम है कि कौन महाशयों का इस कत्ल में हैं तो उन महाशयों का नाम उसे रखा जाए पर खतरा चाहिए।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have not started the Budget. I will call your name. Mr. Vishvijit Singh, please take your seat.

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: The Home Minister has already made a statement but that is not effective. So the Prime Minister must come with a statement. That may be today or tomorrow.

SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR (Madhya Pradesh): No, no. It should be today only and that too by the Prime Minister and not by the Home Minister. (Interruptions).

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: We want a statement from the Prime Minister himself. (Interruptions). Let the Prime Minister come and make a statement. (Interruptions).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Some private negotiations are going in the Treasury Benches. (Interruptions).

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :
महोदया, अप्रैल मन्बर का बयान देख सकते हैं
इन्होंने होम मिनिस्टर का खिलाफ इस बात का
इजहार कर दिया है। (व्यवधान)

डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : गृह मंत्री जी
जो कुछ कहा उसका असर जांच कमेटी
पर नहीं पड़ा। इसलिए गृह मंत्री जी
ने सदन को जो आश्वासन दिया था,
उसके आगे बढ़कर के, उपसभापति जी,
फिर दुर्घटनाएं हो रही हैं उस जांच में।
एसी स्थिति में प्रधान मंत्री जी आए और
सदन को विश्वास में लेकर के स्टेटमेंट
ईशू करें। यह साधारण घटना नहीं है।
यह जैसा कि गृह मंत्री जी ने कहा कि
... (व्यवधान) ... सुपर पावर्स ने
दुनिया के सबसे बड़े नेता को, जो गरीबों
का नेता था, उसको मरवाया है, सुपर
पावर्स ने मरवाया है। प्रधान मंत्री जी
आएं और स्टेटमेंट दें। ... (व्यवधान)

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :
प्राइम मिनिस्टर जवाब दें। खुद उनकी पार्टी
क लोग चाह रहे हैं।

† [شری محمد افضل صرف م -
افضل : پرواژم منسٹر جواب دیں -
خود انکی پارٹی کے لوگ چاہ رہے
ہیں -]

श्री सुरे: सिंह ठाकुर: वे हमको इस प्रकार
का आश्वासन दें कि आज यहाँ पर प्रधान
मंत्री जी स्टेटमेंट लेकर आएंगे। ऐसा हमको
आश्वासन दें। (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He will
convey the sentiments of the entire House,
every Member and the Chair also, to the
Prime Minister, to the Home Minister, to
the entire Government, and as soon as
he collects the facts, he will come back
to the House and I think beyond that the
Minister cannot say anything. So, that is
over... (Interruptions)... That is over.
He cannot say anything... (Interruptions)
... He cannot say anything more than
that ... (Interruptions)... He cannot
say anything beyond that... (Interrup-
tions)...

मौलाना अबुल क़ासिम खान आज़मी: जब
सरकार को मालूम है कि महाशक्तियाँ इस
मर्डर में हैं तो उन महाशक्तियों का नाम
जाहिर होना चाहिये। ... (व्यवधान) ...

† [مولانا عبید اللہ خان اعظمی :
جب سرکار کو معلوم ہے کہ یہاں
شکستیاں اس مرتد میں ہیں تو ان
یہاں شکستوں کا نام ظاہر ہونا چاہئے۔
.. (مداخلت) ..]

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : होम मिनिस्टर
एश्योर्स दे सकते हैं? (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : काई भी एश्योर्स दे सरकार
की तरफ से देगा इसलिए आप बैठिए।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :
जो हलिंग पार्टी है उसी के लोग इस बात
की डिमांड कर रहे हैं कि होम मिनिस्टर
जवाब न दें बल्कि वजीर अजम जवाब दें
तो इसका मतलब यह है कि खुद उनकी पार्टी
के लोगो का एतम द होम मिनिस्टर में खत्म
हो गया है यह बहुत खतरनाक बात है होम
मिनिस्टर को इस बात पर रिजाइन कर
देना चाहिए

† [شری محمد افضل صرف م -
افضل : جو رولنگ پارٹی ہے اسی
کے لوگ اس بات کی ڈیمانڈ کر رہے
ہیں کہ ہوم منسٹر جواب نہ دیں
بلکہ وزیر اعظم جواب دیں تو اسکا
مطلب یہ ہے کہ خود انکی پارٹی
کے لوگوں کو اعتماد ہوم منسٹر میں
ختم ہو گیا - یہ بہت خطرناک
بات ہے - ہوم منسٹر کو اس بات
پر رزائن کر دینا چاہئے -]

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN
(Tamil Nadu): Madam...

श्री मोहम्मद अकजल उर्फ भीम अकजल:
आप अपने मैम्बर्स से पछिए
(व्यवधान) ...

[شہری محمد افضل عرف م -
افضل : آپ اپنے ممبرس سے پوچھئے
.. (مدخلت)]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we will discuss the Budget (General). 1991-92... (Interruptions)... That matter is over... (Interruptions)... What do you want to say, Mr. Jacob?... (Interruptions)... Order, please.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, regarding the Budget one request I have to make. Yesterday, we had consultations with the Party leaders who were present in the Chamber and this morning I have also met some leaders in this connection. The Vote on Account was passed in the Lok Sabha without debate and afterwards they continued with the consideration of the Budget. So I suggest, if most of the Members agree to, to have the voting first and then the debate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Agreed?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): Madam, let them discuss the Vote on Account first and then we will discuss the Budget.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, we agree to it if they are serious into the investigation of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Whether you pass the Vote on Account or you don't pass the Vote on Account, everybody is serious about Rajiv Gandhi. Before I call the names of Members to speak... (Interruptions)... Now will take up the Appropriation (Vote on Account) No. 2 Bill, 1991. Dr. Manmohan Singh...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, I would like to make one submission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You gave your commitment and now you want to make your submission. How is it possible? It is not a conditional commitment...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No, no, no. We are only keen to have a commitment from the Government that this will not be treated as a precedent.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I can assure you that is not going to be made a precedent. I assure you from the Chair... (Interruptions)... I can assure you from the Chair... (Interruptions)... I know what he says. I can ready your mind also...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam Deputy Chairperson, you must permit us to make our submissions. We want an assurance from the Government that this will never be treated as a precedent.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: O.K. Given. The Minister can also give that.

THE APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT NO. 2 BILL, 1991)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1991-92, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 to 4 and the Schedule were added to the Bill, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Madam, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be returned".

†Transliteration in Arabic Script.