

REFERENCE TO THE RUMOUR OF RECALL OF OR RESIGNATION BY THE J & K GOVERNOR, SHRI JAGMOHAN

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I will just take two minutes. I am on a point of order.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. BAPU KALDATE): No problem, but you must be very brief.

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: I am not speaking on the subject. I have got to seek some clarification on some information from the Government. I may remind you that... Much heat was generated in the forenoon without throwing any light at that time which resulted in the walk out of some of our members of the BJP. That situation was created unnecessarily. Perhaps if some hon. Members would have been allowed to participate in the discussion, everybody's point of view would have come on record. That was not done. However, Members do reserve their right to speak on that subject next week. But just now information has come—I do not know whether it is a rumour or factual information—that the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Jagmohan has been recalled. Some say that he has been asked to resign.

SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY (Tamil Nadu): If it is a rumour... (interruptions)...

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: When you become the Home Minister, I will tell you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. BAPU KALDATE): Please address the Chair.

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: We would like to know from

the Government whether this rumour is correct. May I know whether he has resigned or he has been dismissed? May I know whether he was asked to resign? May I know whether he has been asked to resign or has he been dismissed. If so, under what circumstances?

Is it a fact that this has been happened due to firing on the mourning procession... (interruptions)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. BAPU KALDATE): No. You said that you will ask only clarification. Please don't go into that.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Under what procedure, Mr. Fotedar is speaking? I also want to speak about Andhra and what Chenna Reddy is doing.

SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: May I know from the Government today itself whether Mr. Jagmohan, Governor of Jammu and Kashmir has resigned or he has been dismissed?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: We want a statement from the Government.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: I object.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: But we have a right to demand statement from the Government.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, जगमोहन की क्या स्थिति है ? (व्यवधान) सदन को बताया जाए कि तीनो स्थितियों में क्या सत्य है ? क्या उन्होंने इस्तीफा दिया है, क्या उनको वापिस बुलाया गया है, क्या उनको सस्पेंड किया गया है ? (व्यवधान)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Tomorrow you will read it in newspapers.

श्री विश्वजीत सिंह पृथ्वीजीत सिंह :
कुछ भी हो, लोकतंत्र की विजय है ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (डा० बापू कालदास) :
वी० पी० सिंह जी, यह बाहर लगाने के
नारे हैं, यहां नहीं लगाइये (व्यवधान)

श्री विश्वजीत सिंह पृथ्वीजीत सिंह :
मैंने नारा नहीं लगाया है, मैंने सत्य बोला
है । (व्यवधान)

उपसभाध्यक्ष (डा० बापू कालदास) :
यह सत्य भी बाहर जाकर बोल सकते हो
(व्यवधान) मैं जानता हूं आप सत्य के
बड़े प्रतिनिधि हैं, आप हमारे मित्र हैं ।
(व्यवधान)

श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव
(महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, सत्य
को नारा मत कहिए, सत्य तो सत्य होता
है (व्यवधान)

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**Re: Closure of India's Diplomatic
Mission in Fiji—(Contd.)**

THE MINISTER OF EXTER-
NAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K.
GUJRAL): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir,
I am grateful to the Members for
a unanimous expression of Indian
solidarity to back the Fijian demo-
cratic movement. This is as it
should be. This has been a part
of our national heritage and a conti-
nuity of policy.

We are, of course, supporting
the Indian migrants from here whose
forefathers went to far off land to
build a new nation and its soli-
darity. More than that we support
the parties and people who do not
practise ethnic or colour discrimi-
nation. As is known the Fijian
Labour Party and the National
Federation Party had coalesced to
form a Government under the able

leadership of late Dr. Bavadra.
This regime was overthrown by the
coups in 1987. The illegal regime's
history is well known and I will not
take your time in narrating it.
Despite the coups and sad demise
of Dr. Bavadra the alliance between
the coalition partners continues.
Under Mrs. Ardi Kuini Bavadra's
leadership, they are sustaining their
struggle for democracy and to re-
sist the authoritarian discriminatory
rule.

Some Members raised the ques-
tion whether we had any prior infor-
mation about this. It is known
that the illegal authorities in Fiji
would demand that our Mission
should be closed down. It could
almost be guessed. The decision
was not entirely unexpected in view
of the belligerent stance which the
so-called "Interim Government"
and the Fiji Military Force had main-
tained towards our Mission. In
June 1989, the Fiji Military Force
recommended the Immediate ex-
pulsion of our Ambassador, and
reduction in the status of the Em-
bassy to that of a Consulate. Our
information is that certain elements
supporting the authorities had been
pressing for some time for closure
of our Mission.

To those hon. Members who
have asked what retaliatory action
we propose to take, I would answer
that the most befitting response we
can give to the illegal authorities
in Fiji is to unswervingly maintain
our policy of supporting the resto-
ration of democracy and racial har-
mony in Fiji. We will not be de-
terred by any steps taken by the
so-called "Interim Government"
in Suva. As I had stated yesterday
we shall continue to oppose racial
discrimination wherever it is prac-
tised and in whatever form.

My attention was also drawn as
to whether they have a Mission here
or not and what we are doing