

the total volume he is supposed to pay as penalty. But, Sir, the Government of India has filed an affidavit in the High Court of Delhi stating: "Since the party had confessed to the guilt and tendered an unconditional apology, a lenient view may be taken in respect of the criminal offence."

Therefore, this self-appointed criminal has become a high dignitary. He has become the chairman of the ASSOCHAM. Not only that, Mr. L. M. Thapar has become the self-appointed or Government-appointed—I would like the Government to tell me—economic ambassador of the country, moving around the world, signing memoranda of understanding and holding out promises to the multinational companies 'Here is a market in India for you; you can invest here; the Government's policy is just to help you'. This shows that he is not self-appointed but Government appointed. He had gone to Germany on the 6th of June when the Prime Minister was there. Mr. L. M. Thapar, who is a self-confessed offender, had been following the footsteps of the Prime Minister in Germany. On the same day, when the Prime Minister was holding talks with the Chancellor of West Germany, he was holding talks with his counterpart in that country. Therefore, he is not self-appointed. I suppose, he was a member of the same delegation which the Prime Minister had been leading.

The point is, the national pride of the country, the respect for the law of the country, is being bartered away because the man can be a broker, the man can find for India several thousand Marks or several thousand Pounds. Therefore, to bring funds for India for investment, this self-confessed criminal is being used. Therefore the question that comes to my mind is, why is there this disrespect for law? Why the Enforcement Department is sitting over the file? Why is his bail petition not

compelled to bring back the funds that he promised to bring back to the country which he has stated before the court that he has secreted in foreign accounts? Is this because of Doon School comradeship? Therefore, according to me, Sir, it is because of his personal friendship with very important persons in the country, including the Prime Minister, that Mr. Lalit Mohan Thapar is not being hauled up, Mr. Lalit Mohan Thapar is being deliberately set free, that the Enforcement Branch is deliberately sitting over the file and is deliberately delaying action.

Therefore, Sir, I accuse the Prime Minister that he is using his friendship with Mr. L. M. Thapar so that he is not being brought to book. Sir, this is very serious. If this is the respect for the law, then offences will be much greater in the country. I hope the country and Prime Minister will understand the implications of this connivance with the offenders.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): I fully associate with what Mr. Dasgupta has said.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): I also associate myself with this.

Murder of a Congress(I) MLA in Gujarat

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला (गुजरात) : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, सब से पहले तो मैं मि० गुप्ता जी ने जो डीटीवी वाली बात उठाई थी उसका समर्थन करता हूँ कि इस हाउस का ध्यान उन्होंने आकर्षित किया। मान्यवर, राजकीय हत्याएँ, जो देश में बढ़ती जाती हैं, इसकी मैं भर्त्सना करने के लिये खड़ा हुआ हूँ। अन्य प्रदेश जैसे बिहार है, उत्तर प्रदेश हैं, पंजाब है और हरियाणा भी राजकीय हत्याओं में आगे हो सकते हैं, लेकिन अब तो गुजरात भी कई सालों से राजकीय हत्याओं में अपने आपको फँस कर रहा है। जो गुजरात गांधीजी का और सरदार का है और जिस गांधी जी ने अहिंसा का संदेश दुनिया को दिया, गांधी जी के इलाके में जहाँ गांधी जी जन्मे थे वहाँ पर पोलिटिकल

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मर्डर जो बढ़ रहे हैं इसकी मैं भर्त्सना करना हूँ और वह भी वही दिन जिस दिन 15 अगस्त को देश आजाद हुआ। अभी जो राष्ट्रीय झण्डे की बात चल रही थी उस झण्डे के नीचे गोंडल का एम.एल.ए. पोपटल सोरठिया जो कांग्रेस (आई) एम.एल.ए. है उसका दिवंगुल उसी रात पर रियाजपुर से खून किया गया। कांग्रेस का एम.एल.ए. हो या कोई पार्टी का एम.एल.ए. हो या किसी भी पार्टी का आदमी हो, किसी का खून करना या उसका मर्डर होना, यह बुरी बात है। पर, इसमें बात यह है कि जिस एम.एल.ए. का खून हुआ, वह भी कांग्रेस (आई) और खून करने वाला भी कांग्रेस (आई) पार्टी का है। बहुत दुख की बात है कि एक ही पार्टी में ऐसे एक-दूसरे के खून करने वाले लोग भी एक साथ रह सकते हैं। यह बड़े आश्चर्य की बात है। मान्यवर, यह इनमें से जो निष्कर्ष निकलता है, यह इलैक्शन में से निकलता है, जो मर्डर जितका हुआ, वह जहाँ के एम.एल.ए. हैं और वहाँ का तहसील पंचायत का अध्यक्ष जो है, इसमें इन्वाल्ड हो सकता है, और वह पूरा पंचायत इन्वाल्ड है। तो तहसील पंचायत का अध्यक्ष एक ग्रुप का है एम.एल.ए. हमारा ग्रुप का है और आपस की पोलिटिकल राइवलरी एक ही पार्टी की और वह भी इलैक्शन में जब जीत-हार कर बाहर निकलती है, तो इन्गनों का खून करती है। खून कितां गोडन के एम.एल.ए. का तो विर्ष नहीं हुआ है इसके पहले पार्टी अपनी काय-इलैक्शन हुआ था नाथिया विधान सभा क्षेत्र वहाँ पर कामलिया करके एम.एल.ए. था उनका भी मर्डर हुआ। इनके पहले पोरबन्दर का ही एम.एल.ए. बनन जी ठकरार थे उसकी भी पोलिटिकल हत्या की गयी और बिहार में चुनाव के दौरान एम.एम.पी. की हत्या की गयी। हमारे बिहार के भू. पू. मन्त्र मंत्री की हत्या की गयी थी। राजकीय हत्याओं का यह बढ़ता हुआ मिलमिल

तो इन्गनी हमने चिन्ता करनी चाहिये। अगर माल पावर से राजनीति में आना है तो यह बहुत दुख की बात होगी। हमारा लोकतन्त्र वहाँ जा चलेगा? मान्यवर, यह माल पावर की बात है जब डेमोक्रेसी हमारे आगे है तो इन्गने के वुटे कहां से निकलता है? हर पोलिटिकल मर्डर होता है जब उस बैलट बक्स में से रिजल्ट जो आता है। जीत जाता है। उसमें खुशी-आनन्द और जो हार जाता है वह वुटे लेकर आगे आकर उनको खतम कर देता है। यह बहुत ज्यादा दुख की बात है। मान्यवर अब मैं आखिरी एक बात कहूँ... कि यह जो निलसिया है, अभी जहनाबाद भये थे, हमारे बूटा सिंह जी, तो क्या गुजरात में जहाँ कि कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति बिगड़ती जाती है, गुजरात हमारा जैसे पहले था, ऐसा नहीं है। तो क्या गुजरात की कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति पर चिन्ता करने के लिये हमारे गृह मंत्री जी उन एरिये में मुलाकात लेंगे या गुजरात में दिन-प्रति-दिन बिगड़ती हुई कानून-व्यवस्था की स्थिति पर केन्द्र कोई चिन्ता करेंगे? इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ मैं अपनी बात खतम करता हूँ।

श्री राम चन्द्र दिफल (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं भी इनसे अपने को सम्मिलित करता हूँ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री जगेश देवाई) : ठीक है, आपका नाम लिख दूँगे।

SHRI RAOOF VALIULAH (Gujarat): Sir, it is most shocking that one of the most prominent, fearless and outspoken members of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly, Shri Popatlal Sorathia, was assassinated yesterday at the flag hoisting ceremony in his own constituency of Gondal in Rajkot district. I do not want to go into the details of the incident, but what

is most tragic is that the deceased MLA was attacked thrice before and he had sought protection from the State Government. He had raised the issue in the Gujarat Assembly but nothing was done in the matter. Sir, I will be very brief. I demand a thorough probe into the incident by the CPI and I also want a statement from the Home Minister on this gory incident after ascertaining the facts from the State Government of Gujarat. (Interruptions)

SHRI CHIMANSHAI MEHTA (Gujarat): Sir, I join in the sentiments expressed that this is a very ghastly incident. Political violence is increasing, which is a very disturbing phenomenon. No one should try to politically exploit such incidents. Casteism, greed for power and money are at the root of such incidents, and ruling parties everywhere are giving shelter to this kind of murderers and they are creating problems for their own organizations. Therefore, one should go into the depth of the problem and condemn this kind of political violence because now politics is degenerating very fast into such a sorry state of affairs. All the political parties must take serious note of this. (Interruptions)

Reported Efforts to Import Photovoltaic Products and Allied Technology

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Sir, I rise with your permission to draw the attention of the Government to certain instances of import of foreign technology into our country at the expense of the indigenous technology now available in the country itself.

As the first example, I want to mention that the Department of Non-Conventional Sources of Energy, it is widely reported in the press, has been making efforts to import photovoltaic (PV) products and its technology. This move of the Department not only runs counter to the Prime Minister's declared objective that indigenous proven technology is to

be encouraged but it also runs counter to the very goal of the Department for protecting the interests of domestic products. It is further reported that attempts are being made to shift the import of solar cells, modules and systems from restricted lists to items of import under the Open General Licence. Further more, moves are on for getting the project for manufacture of solar photovoltaic modules and system based on crystalline silicon technology, by Tata Export Ltd., in technical and financial collaboration with the United Kingdom based B. P. Solar System, a subsidiary of the giant oil multinational, British Petroleum. It is to be noted that this technology has been developed by the state-owned EHEL and CEL after almost a decade of research in the field. The collaboration project is reported to have been approved of by the Project Approval Board.

Orders for the purchase of photovoltaic products to be used for street lights in the hill areas have been placed on some private parties although Uptron, the U.P. Government undertaking, and the CEL are capable of supplying the items at competitive prices. All these instances go to prove that proven indigenous technologies are being sidelined to promote the interests of private business houses and multinationals.

I demand that a thorough enquiry into all these instances should be made and a statement by the Minister in charge of the Department should be made in the House and an assurance should be given that indigenous technologies will be encouraged and will not be sidelined.

Demand to Check Production and Sale of Illicit Liquor

श्री हरि सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश) :
माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, उड़े की खेद का समाचार है कि बन्दाई औद्योगिक नगरी में, जहाँ पर स्वयं हैं, बर्ली के अन्दर 15 अगस्त के दिन 11 आदमियों की गहरीली, बनावटी और नकली धरों पीकर मृत्यु हो गयी और 6