

ciated with Gandhiji were destroyed. The racist regime showed no inclination to intervene and restores peace and order. Its police did nothing to protect the lives and properties of people, including those of Indian origin, when they were attacked by anti-social elements. There is ample reason to suspect the hand of the South African Government and their hired agents in the disturbances. I would like to inform the House that this perception is shared by the ANC and leaders of other African States.

We are confident that the people of South Africa will see through the transparent attempts of *the* racist regime to create artificial divisions in their ranks. The racists' manoeuvres cannot stop the march of history. The oppressed people of South Africa will carry their united struggle to a successful conclusion.

I would like to assure the House that India will spare no efforts in mobilising world public opinion in support of the South African people's just struggle for a better, more equitable and humane order under conditions of full freedom.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Madam Deputy-Chairman, it is not as if we have at any stage doubted that the Government of India has any other stand but of total rejection of Apartheid. It is not as if anyone in this country doubts, about the total revulsion with which every Indian treats this slur upon humanity. My objection to the hon. Minister's statement is not on account of what is contained in the statement, what the intentions of the Government of India are. My objection is a bit more substantial than that. I would have hoped that instead of repeating what was said in the Lok Sabha, the hon. Member would come forth not, with an essay on Apartheid, not with a description of what the South African Parliament comprises of, but what we....

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO PRIME MINISTER

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN (Tamil Naau): Madarn, may I just take a minute of Mr. Jaswant Singh's time to express our warmest Birthday Greetings to our hon. Prime Minister? We wish him a very, very useful in public life in the service of the nation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We wish him many many, happy returns of the day. (Interruptions)

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): May I thank all the hon. Members? Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; On behalf of the whole House and the Chair, I also wish him happy returns of the day and a long, happy and useful life in the service of the nation.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Thank you.

**SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION
ON RACIAL RIOTS IN SOUTH
AFRICA AFFECTING THE PEOPLE
OF INDIAN ORIGIN—contd.**

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Madarn Deputy Chairman, I would also like to associate myself with the sentiments expressed.

Madam, I would like to reiterate what I said when I started by saying that we would rather have hope that the Minister would come out no- with an essay on Apartheid or the political structure of the Parliament, ment, so called Parliament, of the racist regime is, but really a succinct hard-hitting account of what we are going to do, not as a vague declaration of good intentions but as a positive stand, the steps that we intend taking, either initiated by the Government of India or encouraged or en