

ciated with Gandhi were destroyed. The racist regime showed no inclination to intervene and restore 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 racist 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** (Punjab): Madam Deputy-Chairman, it is not as if we have at any stage doubted that the Government of India has any other land but a total rejection of Apartheid. It is not as if anyone in this country doubts about the total rejection with which every Indian treat the slur upon humanity. My objection to the hon. Minister's statement is not on account of what is contained in the statement, but the intention of the Government of India. My objection is a lot more substantial than that. I would have hoped that instead of repeating what was said in the Lok Sabha, the hon. Minister would come forth not with an essay on Apartheid, not with a description of what the South African Parliament comprised of, but with a

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO PRIME MINISTER

**SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN** (Tamil Nadu): Madam, 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:** Madam 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 hoped that the Minister would come out not with an essay on Apartheid or what the political structure of the Parliament, so called Parliament, of that racist regime is, but really a succinct, hard-hitting account of what we are going to do, not as a vague declaration of good intents but as a positive stand, the steps that we intend taking, either initiated by the Government of India or encouraged or en-