

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1981 [the 3rd
Vaisakha, 1903 (S'xka)]

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr.
Chairman in the Chair.

«»3AL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*61. [The questioner (Shri Pyarelal
Khandelwal) was absent. For answer vide
col. 33-34... infra]

Attacks on >rl students by anti-social elements during Holi

*62. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: SHRI
ARVIND GANESH
KULKARNI;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the editorial published in the
'Indian Express' dated March 30, 1981, under
the caption "Shameful incidents";

(b) whether it is a fact that on March 19
1981, about 200 youngmen armed with iron
rods and chains raided St. Stephen's and
Hindu Colleges, molested girl students,
dragged them out of their classes and tore
their clothes;

(c) if so, what are the details of the
incidents and what action Government have
taken to apprehend the miscreants; and

(d) what protective measure, Gov-
ernment have taken to safeguard the honour
and security of the girl students in Delhi
campus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI
YOGENDRA MAKWANA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information gathered from the
University Authorities indicates that about
50—60 youngmen, presumably students
from other colleges had entered the premises
of St.

†The question was actually asked on the
floor of the House by Shri R. R. Morarka.

Stephens College. They broke some window-
panes and one girl student

I complained to the Principal that she has been
molested by some rowdies. A group of
youngmen had entered the Hindu College
premises, but there has been no report of
molestation in that college. No report
about these incidents had been lodged with
the Delhi Police.

(d) Patrolling in the area has been
intensified. Joint patrolling along with the
University Authorities and patrolling by
plain clothes police personnel have also
been introduced.

SHRI R. R. MORARKA; Sir, is it not a
fact that the police posted outside the
Hindu College did not act at all and that
when the principal of the Hindu College
telephoned the police for assistance, the
police did not respond, and when they
responded they arrived too late?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, it
is not a fact, because first of all the police was
in the campus. The police, without the
permission of the University authorities,
cannot enter. So, the police took the necessary
steps and they had obtained the permission of
the authorities, and the authorities stated,
"You remain in the campus and guard the
campus." So, the police was pushed in the
campus and they were guarding. Sir, the hon.
Member said that a telephone call was made.
In the Hindu College they made a telephone
call but they were not able to hear it on
telephone either side, and the police officer
who was on duty says that in other cases when
he received the telephone immediately help
was extended^ and necessary steps were taken
but this telephone call was not received by the
police officers.

SHRI R. R. MORARKA; When two
hundred-odd people fully armed with iron
bars and lathis were marching towards the
college, the police, as the hon. Minister says,
was there. Then why did they not prevent the
crowd whose intentions were *mala fide*?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: It was not a crowd; they were the students of other colleges. They came there and the lathis—which it is claimed, were with them—they look from the University campus and the iron rods were of the mosquito nets which were with the cots of the Hindu College hostel.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: Sir, the information which he is giving—and which we have read from the press—is particularly from the press which is having the good wishes of the Government, the Hindustan Times, which says, "Girls protest on Holi hooliganism". It is stated here. Two hundred students, iron rods, etc. is a very small matter. It is stated in the Indian Express and other papers that excepting rape, everything else was done. From the way, the hon. Minister of Home Affairs is replying he is keeping it very cool and at a low key. The law and order problem, particularly for the ladies...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kulkarni...

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It may be your opinion. He has got his own information.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: Should I not ask?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know, but you are giving advice.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: I am not giving him advice; I am not competent to. That you can give.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not presume to advise anybody in this House.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: I am here competent only to ask questions. Here I am a Member of this House to ask questions, and I am asking the questions. Sir, I want to know from the hon. Home Minister, if this is the law and order situation particularly in Delhi as stated in the leading article of the Indian Express, what will be the law and order

situation in the country? In this connection, I want to know, in view of what has been deposited by the lady student, is it not necessary to take some stringent action, particularly to protect the girl students and ladies travelling in buses or in the campus? Such anticipatory action should have been taken. I would request the Home Minister to assure this House that such incidents will not recur.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, I can assure the hon. Member of this House that the Government has taken the necessary steps to protect the dignity...

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: What steps?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: I will describe them. These are the steps taken: —

(1) Intensive foot and mobile patrolling, including armed with walkie-talkie sets and wireless-fitted motor cycle patrols. The patrolling is being personally supervised by senior officers.

(2) Action under the normal preventive section of Cr. P. C. against bad characters and criminals.

(3) Checking by surprise of vehicles to detect those involved in commission of crimes.

(4) Continued drives by the special squads of the districts to detect snatchers, eve-teasers and other bad characters by developing intelligence.

(5) Meetings with residents of the locality by Deputy Commissioners/ Assistant Commissioners of Police to explain the measures taken by the police and obtain their suggestions.

(6) Meetings with representatives of women's colleges to curb the crime of eve-teasing and also setting up of vigilance squads to check eve-teasing, etc.

(7) Deployment of police personnel in girls' schools and colleges, bus stops and cinema houses.

(8) A survey has been done of areas with, without or inadequate lighting arrangements which help the ... (Interruptions)

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: What is its relevance to this? (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: How long is this list of instructions?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: They wanted to know what steps have been taken by the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How long is it? (Interruptions)

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, the hon. Member wants to know about the major steps taken by the Government. Now I am describing the measures taken by the Government.

SHRI SADASHIV BAGAITKAR: It may be placed on the Table of the House. (Interruptions)

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI: My question was, what steps are you taking particularly against the students in schools and colleges, those pampered by their parents and ...? (Interruptions)

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: If the hon. Members want it, I can lay it on the Table. But, at the same time, I would like to say that there is a considerable decline in the crime situation in Delhi. (Interruptions) I am not going to yield to this shouting. The facts are quite different from what he has stated. The crimes have declined. In 1978, the number of crimes committed was 67, in 1979 it was 76, in 1980 it was 44 and for 1981, January and February, it is only 10. The number of cases of molestation is 84 in 1978, 120 in 1979, only 65 in 1980, and five during these last two months. So, this shows that there is a decline in the crime situation. Sir, this Government is quite competent to deal with the situation and we have taken all necessary steps.

श्री जे. के. जैन : सभापति महोदय मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन लोगों ने होली के मौके पर इन कालेजों में घुस कर हड़दंग मचाने की कोशिश की, यह बहुत बड़ी साजिश की गयी थी, जिसमें यह लोग नाकामयाब हुए, क्या मंत्री जी इस सदन को आश्वासन देंगे कि उन्होंने इसकी जांच कराने की कोशिश की और जो लोग पकड़े गये उनकी बकग्राउन्ड क्या है ? क्या वह इस तरह की हड़दंग दिल्ली में और दिल्ली के बाहर मचाते रहे हैं ?

श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना : हम ने पुलिस को इस बारे में इन्सट्रक्शन्स दिये हैं कि जिन लोगों ने यहां दंगा किया उनकी खोज करें। पुलिस उसके बारे में इन्वेस्टीगेशन कर रही है, लेकिन हिन्दू कालेज के प्रिन्सिपल ने ऐसा कहा है कि ऐसा कुछ हुआ नहीं। उन्होंने कहा—

The Principal of the Hindu College stated that the Press reports which appeared in a large section of the press to the effect that girl students were molested and insulted in the Hindu College in the name of Holi revelry are false and baseless.

श्रीमती मनोरमा पाण्डेय : यह घटना मार्च 19 की है। मैं इतना ही मंत्री जी से जानना चाहती हूँ कि जो मिस-क्रिप्ट्स थे उनमें से किसी को भी पकड़ा गया है अभी तक या नहीं।

श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना : मैंने पहले ही बताया कि बाहर के कालेज के स्टूडेंट्स थे। वह कालेज में स्टूडेंट्स के साथ मिवस हो गये। उसके बाद हमें इत्तला मिली। अभी पुलिस इन्वेस्टीगेट कर रही है। फिर भी वहां के प्रिन्सिपल का कहना है कि कोई ऐसी जरूरत नहीं है (व्यवधान) मैं पढ़ कर बता सकता हूँ। सेट स्टोफेस

कालेज के प्रिंसिपल ने कहा कि सोसाइटी का कुमुर है, सोसाइटी को गुधारने की जरूरत है, पुलिस का कुमुर नहीं है। आज तक पुलिस को उन लोगों ने कम्प्लेंट नहीं दी। फिर भी हमने पुलिस को इंस्ट्रक्शन दिए हैं कि अपनी तरफ से कि पूरी-पूरी जांच की जाय और जो लोग रेसॉसिवल हैं उन को पकड़ना चाहिए।

श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद साहू : यह हम गिनिस्टर साहब क्या कहते हैं ? उन्हें स्टूडेंट्स कहना ठीक है। लोहे के राड लेकर जो लोग गये हैं वह स्टूडेंट्स कहे जायें या गुंडे कहे जायेंगे . . .

श्री सभापति : यह तो झगड़ा . . .

श्री नागेश्वर प्रसाद साहू : यह झगड़ा नहीं है। दोनों पर कोई लोहे के राड लेकर नहीं जाता है। लोहे के राड लेकर जाने वाले गुंडे होते हैं। उनके साथ पुलिस ने सशस्त्रों से व्यवहार नहीं किया। इसका क्या जवाब है।

श्री योगेन्द्र मन्नाणा : देखिये, इस मामले में मुझे डिटेल् में कहना पड़ेगा। कालेज दो तरह के हैं, लेडीज कालेज और मिक्सड कालेज। लेडीज कालेज में कैम्पस में और अगल बगल पुलिस रखी गयी जो मिक्सड कालेज हैं वहां कैम्पस में पुलिस रखी गयी थी, गेट पर भी पुलिस थी। जो जाते थे उन को स्कौट भी करते होंगे। जो स्टूडेंट्स थे उनको जाने देते थे, कालेज में स्टूडेंट्स जा सकते हैं। वहां जाते समय वह राड लेकर नहीं गये, लाठियां लेकर नहीं गये, सरिये लेकर भी नहीं गये थे। जैसा मैंने पहले कहा कैम्पस में से ही उन लोगों ने जो मास्किटोनेट के लिए चारपाई पर लगे होते हैं वही सरिये ले रखे थे।

श्री संजय महाबुद्धिन : जनाब वजीर ने फरमाया है कि दिल्ली में क्राइम्स

के बारे में सिचुएशन में बेहतरी पैदा हुई है। मैं उन से पूछना चाहता हूं कि चन्द दिनों पहले वसन्त चिहार में बिन-बहाड़े एक लड़की की बेइज्जती की गयी, इसका उनको डरम है या नहीं है ? मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि 16 मार्च को खोन्सला से रशीदा नाम की लड़की जो गायब हुई, आज तक दिल्ली की पुलिस उसका पता चलाने में नाकामयाब रही है। उस नाकामयाबी के बारे में क्या आप के पास इतिहास है ?

श्री योगेन्द्र मन्नाणा : इस इन्वेस्टिगेशन में इसका कोई ताल्लुक नहीं है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not arise out of the main question.

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: It does arise, Sir. He said there is general improvement in the law and order situation. That is why I am asking.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then you can ask about the whole of India it means. No. We take up next question No. 63.

SHRI JAHARLAL BANERJEE: Sir, I have been trying to catch your eye. You never look to this side.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

Anti-reservation agitation in Gujarat

*63. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRINK.P.SALVE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any settlement has been reached on the issues involved in the anti-reservation agitations in (Gujarat);

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

-fThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare.