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लूंगा और अब मैं आऊंगा बेस्ट बेकरी कांड पर ... (व्यवधान)... एक मिनट सुन लीजिए ..... लेकिन खाना खाने के बाद आएंगे, इसलिए सदन एक घंटे के लिए adjourn किया जाता है।

The House then adjourned for lunch at twenty-eight minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty minutes past two of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

**MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION - Contd.**

**Inscription in Hindi on the milestones in the National Highways in Tamil Nadu**

SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House to the grave situation prevailing in Tamil Nadu after the National Highways Authority's move to have Hindi inscription on the milestones in Tamil Nadu. The Hindi inscription on the milestones is being introduced for the first time in Tamil Nadu. The irony is that this measure is being introduced when the Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways belongs to the DMK Party.

Sir, we, the people of Tamil Nadu, are not opposed to any language, including Hindi, but the House and the Central Government should realise the hundred years old popular movement in Tamil Nadu against imposition of Hindi. Sir, in Tamil Nadu, we are following time-tested, two-language formula, and, the Centre should respect the sentiments of seven crore people of our State. Sir, late Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had given a solemn assurance to the people of Tamil Nadu, on the floor of the Parliament, that Hindi will not be imposed on non-Hindi speaking people. Sir, the National Highways Authority's move to have Hindi inscription on the milestones in Tamil Nadu is in total contravention of Pandit Nehru's assurance. Sir, I would like to ask: Will the National Highways Authority take steps to inscribe a language like Telugu, Malayalam, or, any other South Indian language on the milestones of the national highways in Uttar Pradesh.

Sir, this three-language formula remains only on papers. Sir, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has already written to the Prime Minister drawing his attention to this explosive issue.

I, therefore, appeal to the Centre to remove Hindi inscriptions forthwith from all the milestones in Tamil Nadu in deference to the sentiments of people of Tamil Nadu. Sir, the Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and

Highways who belong to my State has to give an explanation to the people of Tamil Nadu.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please finish it.

SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN (Tamil Nadu) : Sir, the Minister owes an explanation to them.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with the concern expressed by Shri P.G. Narayanan.

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD (Karnataka) : Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member...(Interruptions)...

श्री सभापति: मैं कर रहा हूँ...(व्यवधान)... वह ठीक है।

SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN (Tamil Nadu) : Sir, the three-language formula should be adhered to...(Interruptions)...

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): Sir, I would like to say that the DMK is not against any language. First of all, I have to correct the record. Sir, during the month of November, it was brought to my notice that a particular Member of Legislative Assembly has said -- it is on record -- that Tamil language is not there and it is being ignored in all the milestones in the State of Tamil Nadu. Immediately, I called my officers and gave them instructions that wherever new roads are there on the National Highways, milestones should be written in regional languages.

Sir, I told on 11.11.2004 itself to see that all the milestones are inscribed in Tamil language. Orders for the same have been given, and, moreover, today, I have issued orders to the NHAI saying that regional languages should be part and parcel of all the milestones of each and every State. Sir, we want to have...(Interruptions)... and we have done our best. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The matter is over.

SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Sir, what about Hindi? ...(Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Special Mentions. ...(Interruptions ) एक मिनट बैठिए, आज जितने भी स्पेशल मेशन हैं ...(व्यवधान)... मेरी सुनिए, मैं करूंगा। बैठिए, पहले मैं स्पेशल मेशन बुलवाता हूँ। ...(व्यवधान)...

डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार (आन्ध्र प्रदेश) : सर, स्पेशल मेशन से पहले ...(व्यवधान)...

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**श्री सभापति :** अरे, आप एक मिनट ठहर जाइए । ... (व्यवधान) ... दो मिनट बाद आपको टाइम देता हूँ । ... (व्यवधान) ...

**प्रो. राम देव भंडारी (बिहार) :** सभापति जी, आपने मुझे समय दिया था ... (व्यवधान) ...

**डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार :** सर, ... (व्यवधान) ...

**श्री सभापति :** अरे भई, मैं ले रहा हूँ । ... (व्यवधान) ...

मैं यूँ नहीं लेता ... (व्यवधान) ... मुझे आपने क्या जानकारी दी है ... (व्यवधान) ...

**डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार :** सर, आन्ध्र प्रदेश में ... (व्यवधान) ...

**श्री सभापति :** नहीं-नहीं, मैं मंजूर नहीं करूँगा । ... (व्यवधान) ... मैं बिल्कुल मंजूर नहीं करूँगा ।

**डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार :** \*

**श्री सभापति :** नहीं-नहीं । मैं प्रोटेक्ट नहीं कर रहा । ... (व्यवधान) ... मुझे आपने कोई जानकारी नहीं दी है । ... (व्यवधान) ... गलत बात है ... (व्यवधान) ...

**डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार :** \*

**श्री सभापति :** नहीं, आप बैठ जाइए। हाउस में कोई जानकारी नहीं है । आप बैठ जाइए । ... (व्यवधान) ...

**डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार :** सर, हम इसके प्रोटेस्ट में वाक-आउट करेंगे ... (व्यवधान) ...

**श्री सभापति :** हाँ-हाँ, करिए, आप करिए। जो करना है, सो करिए। कर लीजिए, नहीं, मैं एलाऊ नहीं करूँगा ... (व्यवधान) ... मैं एलाऊ नहीं करूँगा ।

*(At the stage some hon. Members left the Chamber)*

**प्रो. राम देव भंडारी :** सर, लंच पर जाने से पहले ... (व्यवधान) ...

**SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:** Sir, you have given a ruling.... *(Interruptions)*...

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