

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): We have to take up this Bill. Please cooperate. You got special permission...(Interruptions) Venkaiahji, this is unfair. You got special permission from the Chair and you are exploiting that ...(Interruptions) This is unfair. Don't do this ...(Interruptions) I am sorry to say that. Don't do that ...(Interruptions) Now, Shri Prasanta Chatterjee... (Interruptions)

श्री पुरुषोत्तम खोडाभाई रूपाला: सर, यह किसानों का मामला unfair हो गया?...*(व्यवधान)*

उपसभाध्यक्ष (प्रो. पी.जे. कुरियन): बैठिए, बैठिए...*(व्यवधान)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, the Government is totally insensitive on this issue. They are doing nothing to protect the interests of farmers. In protest, we are walking out of the House.

(At this stage, some hon. Members left the Chamber.)

**Growing Instances of human rights violations across the country
and particularly West Bengal**

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I rise to draw the attention of this august House to a large number of incidents of violation of human rights in the country and West Bengal, in particular. The situations have gone up to such an extent that eminent persons of international repute like the Nobel Laureate, Noam Chomsky, and others sought the interventions of the Prime Minister, in their letters written recently, and expressed their concerns over two recent incidents. In the first instance, they expressed their concern over the incident of lathi charge by police on the peaceful slum dwellers, who were demanding an alternative place for shelter, and the arrest of a reputed person. This was not all. The poor slum dwellers were also manhandled by hooligans in the presence of the police. In another case, two eminent academicians were arrested and kept behind the bars for a whole night for sharing a cartoon. They were manhandled too by the hooligans. A few days back, a victim of gang rape was called a conspirer and the concerned police officer, who arrested the culprits, has been transferred over night...(Interruptions) Section 144 is being clamped in several places to deny permissions for holding rallies. Within a short time, 63 persons have been murdered, 49 agricultural labourers committed suicide and 534 cases of atrocities on women have taken place...(Interruptions)

SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Sir, law and order is a State subject...(Interruptions) This is a State subject...(Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Please sit down...(Interruptions) Please don't question the Chair.

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: In places like Gurgaon, police officials are giving sermons to women not to go out in the night. I want to know from the Prime Minister about his reactions to the letter of Noam Chomsky and others.

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with it.

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY (West Bengal): I also associate myself with it.

Need to Reconsider Decision to Decontrol Diesel Prices

SHRI P. RAJEEVE (Kerala): Sir, two days back, the Government had stated, while answering in the House, their decision to decontrol the price of diesel. This statement is shocking. It would create a catastrophic effect on all sectors. Thirty-seven per cent of diesel is being used in road transport, and seventy per cent of the freight transport is by road. This move to decontrolling diesel prices would seriously affect the prices of essential commodities. Passenger and goods trains are using 275 crore litres of diesel annually. In this Budget, the Railway Ministry had stated that the ticket fares would be changed according to the changes in the price of diesel. Twelve per cent of diesel is used for public transport. Any hike in prices would seriously affect the common man in this country. The impact on transport sector would mean an escalation in transit costs and, therefore, a steep jump in the overall Price index. Sir, now, the country is witnessing two-digit inflation, especially, food inflation. Twelve per cent of the diesel is used for agricultural purposes, particularly, for irrigation purposes in our country. An increase in the price of diesel would increase the expenditure on cultivation. Sir, in our country, every 37 minutes, one farmer is committing suicide, which means that 47 farmers are committing suicides in a day. The new decision to decontrol the diesel would create a serious impact on the economy of the country. It is a very important and serious issue. So, I would urge upon the Government to reconsider their decision to decontrol the prices of diesel.

SHRI SITARAM YECHURY (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with it.

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with it.

SHRI D. RAJA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with it.

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with it.

श्री ब्रजेश पाठक (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैं अपने को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

Hike in User Charges at New Delhi Airport

SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL (Kerala): Sir, this is regarding huge hike in user charges at Delhi Airport which came in the newspapers and the newspaper report says that Delhi Airport is the world's most expensive airport now. Sir, 364 per cent of the airport charges, including the passenger user development fees, was increased. Now, for first time in the history of the country, and I think no where in the world, except in one or two places, the in-coming passengers also have to give user fee. Sir, this is in the name of the economic crisis of the airport and they are saying that they need it to run the airport. But, Sir, two aspects are there. One is, there is a