

Lynching of a Dalit Activist in West Bengal

SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I rise to say this with a lot of anguish in my heart that 45-year old Adikanda Dolui, a political worker, was burnt to death in West Midnapore District, West Bengal, on May 22 last. The incident hapened at Birsa Munda Chowk, Tikaitpur (Gopiballaphpur Constituency). The frenzied mob also burnt down 30-40 shorts. The State Police was present, and it happened in broad daylight. They acted as mute spectators. Dolui, a BJP worker, had come to eat at a restaurant. He was dragged out and burnt alive in full public view. The attack was obviously in retaliation to the killing of a CPI-(M) activist, Ardhendu Satpathy, the same day. It took almost a week, Sir, to recover Dolui's charred remains from the police custody. The Police is now intimidating the family and the villagers from pursuing the case. No compensation has been paid to Dolui family or any other sufferer in this vandalization by the activists of a political party.

Sir, in Kolkota, the people still remember how on April 30, 1982, 16 Anandamargi sanyasis and one sanyasin were burnt alive by a mob on the Bijan Setu (Ballygunj Railway Overbridge) in broad daylight. The case was never even investigated. I request that the Dolui case should be handed over to the CBI since the West Bengal police is working under political pressure. The State Government should compensate the family of Dolui and other victims of arson.

The case has not been given a fraction of the attention it deserved. Was it because that Dolui was a Scheduled Caste or a "communal Hindu", according to the secularists sitting on the other side? Thank you.

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI (RAJASTHAN): I associate myself with what Shri Balbir K. Punj has stated.

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY (ORISSA): I also associate myself with what Shri Balbir K. Punj has stated.

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