

Need to take action against culprits responsible for attacks on Hindu temples in Andhra Pradesh

SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for having given me this opportunity. I would like to draw the attention of this House and the country to a spate of attacks on Hindu temples in the State of Andhra Pradesh. There have been more than 140 such incidents, either attacks or some kind of activities, which caused grievous harm to the sacred nature of the places of worship. One such incident that happened very recently, which shocked the entire country was in Ramatheertham where the idol of Shri *Bhagwan Ram* was actually severed. It was beheaded. This temple is considered to be Uttar Andhra's Ayodhya. This is a temple which is 400-years old and several such incidents have happened. One such incident was burning of the chariot, a 70-year old chariot in Antarvedi Temple. Similarly, in Bitragunta in Nellore district also, a similar incident of burning of the chariot happened. The State Government had not acted in time for the last year and a half. As a result, several such incidents have happened. Even recently, when the State Government swung into action after a massive uproar, they have actually blamed it on some political individuals for posting social media posts against these incidents rather than catching the culprits involved in such acts of sacrilege. So, this is something that has deeply hurt not only Hindus in Andhra Pradesh but all over the country and also *Dharmacharyas*. I think, rather than to take it as a political episode, it is incumbent upon the State Administration to identify the real culprits and punish them in a manner that this really sends a strong message. I appeal to the MHA to get into action and ask the State Government for a report.

SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY (Karnataka): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

श्रीमती कान्ता कर्दम (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए इस विशेष उल्लेख के साथ सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Dr. Fauzia Khan.

Need for more recruitment of bureaucrats in the country

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Mr. Chairman, Sir, bureaucrats or civil servants play a major role in public administration. They are required by the elected Governments to implement their policies and to keep a check on their effective working. It is often observed, Mr. Chairman, Sir, that these bureaucrats are subjected to enormous workload, and, at times, they are made in-charge of multiple portfolios. It is said in Urdu,

"मर न जाए थकन से तू साहब,
सर पे माज़ी उठाए फिरते हैं।"

The situation is something like this. This impacts the overall functioning of the Government. Indian bureaucracy needs to be expanded and revamped to enable growth and development. Considering this, there is a need to expand the number of seats and recruit more officers through the UPSC, including Civil Services and Grade A. Along with this expansion, there should be mechanism set up to bring in more accountability and transparency. Thank you.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Rajmani Patel. Not there; right. Shri Subhas Chandra Bose. ...(*Interruptions*)... Yes, Subhas Chandra Bose; we have a Member, Subhas Chandra Bose. ...(*Interruptions*)... Voice, please. From Lok Sabha Chamber, Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli.

SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, the ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: A little louder, Subhas Chandra Boseji. You can sit down and then speak because mike is not catching up.

Need to withdraw tax on handlooms

SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, the handloom sector provides employment for nearly 2 crore people and it is the second largest sector in the employment generation, stands only next to agriculture in our country, including my home State of Andhra Pradesh.