

harass the 'Gaoncars' on one pretext or the other. This revolt of the 'Gaoncars' was much before the first officially recognized War of Independence, namely, the Revolt of 1857.

The history of this revolt is a history of patriotism, bravery and courage. It should be recognized in a manner, the history is recognized and authenticated in the country. A documentary needs to be produced by the Government of India on this revolt.

The Cuncolim village has had a long tradition of hospitality, especially that of political exiles. The first case of political asylum dates back to three-and-a-half century, when Salabhat Khan, the Commander of Adil Shah's Army and the last ruler of Goa, fled to Cuncolim for protection after he was defeated by the Portuguese. The people of Cuncolim were reputed for their honour and integrity and those who sought their protection were assured of their safety. Many of the Concolkars had served in Adil Shah's army and distinguished themselves for their bravery and courage. Some of them rose to the highest positions in the army. According to historical Ermelinda Stuart Gomes, the army of Goa, at that time, was predominantly recruited from the villages of Assolna, Velim and Cuncolim (AVC), as people from these villages were known for their courage, determination and deep-rooted patriotism.

I appeal to the Government of India to constitute a committee of historians and other experts for the purpose of recognizing the first revolt of independence against any foreign rule in the country. A documentary be produced on the subject, besides including the history in the textbooks.

CONCERN OVER SUFFERINGS AND BAD TREATMENT OF TAMILIANS, IN MALAYSIA

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, in Malaysia, the Tamils, who constitute the largest percentage of Indian community, were marching in a peaceful rally, carrying pictures of Mahatma Gandhi, protesting against the marginalisation of the ethnic Indian minority and demanding equal rights. The Malaysian police, in an attempt to crush the demonstration, resorted to *lathi* charge, tear gas shells and water canons to disperse the crowd. The Malaysian Government has an authoritarian approach, thereby depriving the Tamilians of the democratic rights and not addressing their genuine demands, is highly condemnable. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, our leader Dr. Kalaingar, expressing his concern over the bad treatment meted out to the Tamils in Malaysia for quite a long period of time, and expressing the sentiments of Tamilians, who are disturbed over the happenings in Kuala Lumpur, has written to the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, urging him to take immediate and appropriate actions for the suffering and bad treatment meted out to the Tamilians in Malaysia. India is admired for its democracy by the international community, but people in other countries are suffering to their worst. It is a matter of grave concern. I urge upon the Government to take immediate action. Thank you very much.... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल (बिहार) : सर, यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण विषय है। ... (व्यवधान)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No; no, you only associate. (*Interruptions*)

श्री मंगनी लाल मंडल : इससे मैं अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ ... (व्यवधान) ... सरकार को इस पर हस्तक्षेप करना चाहिए। यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है, ... (व्यवधान) ... मलेशिया में भारतीय मूल के लोगों के साथ बुरा व्यवहार किया गया, उन्हें घसीट कर पीटा गया ... (व्यवधान) ... यहां तक कि महिलाओं को भी नहीं बक्शा गया, इसलिए भारत सरकार और विदेश मंत्री को इस पर वक्तव्य देना चाहिए ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति : ठीक है ठीक है, आप एसोसिएट कीजिए।