

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding breach of parliamentary procedures and etiquette by a fellow Member during the proceedings of House.

DR. SHASHI THAROOR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. In 13 years as an MP, I have only ever taken the floor to raise issues of national public importance and public policy. But today, I regret very much to bring to your attention a breach of parliamentary procedures and etiquette by a fellow Member of the House during the course of my remarks on the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill. I did not hear it at that time but in the recording that is submitted and the transcript given to me, it is clear that this Member said the following: “ऐसे तो इनको बहस में भी पार्ट नहीं लेना चाहिए, इनका भी एक केस पेंडिंग पड़ा हुआ है । ”I want to say, it is extremely regrettable that this kind of an accusation is made. First of all, the claim itself is false. There is no pending case against me and the accusations being referred to have been dismissed by a court of law. To say what he said constitutes misleading the House and the Chair.

Secondly, even if a case had been pending against me or against any other Member of this House, that does not preclude them from being able to participate in the deliberations of this august body.

Thirdly, if the said Member was still determined to make personal attacks on a fellow Member, he should have filed a notice duly under the Rules. An MP keeps citing the Rules and continues violating them with impunity when it comes to actually repeatedly making unwarranted accusations. ... (*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : मैं माननीय सदस्यों से आग्रह करूंगा कि वे नियम-प्रक्रियाओं का ध्यान रखें ।

DR. SHASHI THAROOR : Sir, is this what the discourse in this House has come to? I urge the Speaker to please ensure that this issue is condemned, that this kind of a thing is not repeated by any Member against any other Member of this House. It has been happening too often with this particular individual.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.