

Regarding alleged oppression against farmers

SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI (KARUR): Thank you Chairman Sir. Our farmers, who are the spine of the nation, are protesting at Shambhu and Khanauri with a vow to fulfil their demands. This is not just a struggle of farmers; it is a struggle for India's soul. Their demands are simple. They are demanding for a legal guarantee for a minimum support price, loan waiver, pension for farmers and justice for victims of the Lakhimpur Kheri violence. All these demands were already promised by the Union Government but they are yet to be fulfilled and they are totally forgotten.

Dallewall ji is fasting unto death to thrust more on this. His health is seriously deteriorating and farmers are facing brutality and oppression while they exercise their fundamental right to protest since the Government has turned a blind eye to their demands for years now. Reports show that several farmers are injured as a result of police brutality, tear gas shells and water cannons. This is what our farmers are being treated with.

I call upon the Union Government to immediately halt the brutality, listen to the farmers' demands and ensure that justice is delivered and save the precious life of Dallewal ji. In order to cover this very serious farmers' protest, the BJP Government is raking up the issue of false charges. We are not afraid of this. It is very sad that ? is protected by this Government but the farmers are not. Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : No, you cannot take the name. It will be deleted.

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HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shri Richard ji.

? *(Interruptions)*

SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI: Sir, why will it be deleted?

HON. CHAIRPERSON: You cannot take the name of a person who is not present in the House.

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HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shri Richard ji.

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HON. CHAIRPERSON: Gaurav ji, you a deputy leader. Kindly take your seat. Either you or Shri K. C. Venugopal should stand. K. C. Venugopal ji, kindly request your Members to take their seats. Why is everybody standing? If you want to say something, you can say after Shri Richard. I will allow you.