

Regarding protest against proposed Waqf (Amendment) Bill

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): Sir, I want to mention in the House that protest over the proposed Waqf Bill is spreading all over the country. One Muslim organization, Imarat-e-Sharia, announced a boycott of the Iftar given by Shri Nitish Kumar, Bihar Chief Minister.

माननीय सभापति : जो इस सदन का सदस्य नहीं है, यहां पर अखबार का रेफरेंस नहीं दिया जाता है ।

? (व्यवधान)

प्रो. सौगत राय : महोदय, अध्यक्ष महोदय ने अनुमति दी है । My subject has been approved by the hon. Speaker. ? (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Newspaper is not a part of reference in the House. You are only reading the newspaper.

प्रो. सौगत राय : महोदय, न्यूज पेपर नहीं पढ़ा है । उसको छोड़िए ।?(व्यवधान) मुझे बोलने दीजिए। जब आप बोलते हैं, तो मैं डिस्टर्ब हो जाता हूं । ऐसा करने से क्या होगा? ?(व्यवधान)

Sir, I want to say that the All India Muslim Personal Law Board has also announced its protest against the proposed Waqf Bill. They have called for demonstration all over the country because the proposed Waqf Bill, with its 428-page report, takes away the right of the Muslims. In the proposed Committee, the Opposition was bulldozed into accepting the Ruling Party's views.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Still, the Waqf Bill has not been brought on the Table of the Parliament, on the floor of the House. So, how can you just discuss it if anybody is protesting?

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: The Waqf Bill is an assault on the Constitution. It takes away the basic rights of people given in the waqf by acceptance.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: What is your demand?

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: Sir, you were the Chairperson of the Waqf Committee. Still, I strongly propose that the Government should take away this anti-Muslim waqf law.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Sougata Ray ji, you are a senior Member. You are meant for making a piece of legislation in this House. If regarding any proposed amendment Bill, some protest is going on outside the House, I think, being a senior Member of Parliament, if you are taking cognizance, what message will go throughout the country?

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: Please listen to me. There is tremendous resentment among the Muslim community about the Waqf Bill which was bulldozed through the Committee. Also, it damaged the age-old Board ? (*Interruptions*)

माननीय सभापति: आपकी बात आ गयी है । श्री योगेन्द्र चांदोलिया जी ।