

Regarding alleged occupation of land by China

SHRI RAHUL GANDHI (RAEBARELI) : Thank you, Speaker Sir, for letting me raise a matter of urgent public importance.

Sir, it is a known fact that China is sitting on 4,000 square kilometres of our territory. I was shocked some time back to see that our Foreign Secretary was cutting a cake with the Chinese Ambassador. The question is, what exactly is happening to this territory. China has taken 4,000 square kilometres, and our Foreign Secretary is cutting a cake with the Chinese Ambassador. 4000 किलोमीटर जमीन चीन ने ले ली है और हमारे फॉरेन सेक्रेटरी उनके एंबेसडर के साथ केक काट रहे हैं। 20 जवान शहीद हुए थे। उनके शहादत की सेलिब्रेशन केक काटकर हो रही है। हम नॉर्मल्सी के खिलाफ नहीं हैं, मगर नॉर्मल्सी से पहले स्टैटसको होना चाहिए। We should get our land back.

It has also come to my notice that the Prime Minister and the President have written to the Chinese. We are not finding out from our own people. It is the Chinese Ambassador who is telling the people of India that the Prime Minister of India and the President of India have written to them.

Foreign policy is about managing the relations with external countries. You have given China 4,000 square kilometres of land. On the other side, our ally suddenly decides to impose tariffs on us at the rate of 26 per cent, which is going to completely devastate our economy. Our auto industry, and our pharmaceutical industry, are all on the line, including our agriculture. So, I am wondering. Somebody once asked Indira Gandhiji: ?In the matter of foreign policy, do you lean left or do you lean right?? Indira Gandhi answered: ?I do not lean left or right, I stand straight. I am Indian and I stand straight.? The BJP and the RSS have a different philosophy. When asked: ?Do you lean left or do you lean right?? They said: ?No, no, no, we bow our head right in front of every foreigner that comes in front of us.? Sir, this is something that is in their culture. It is in their history, we know that. But, we would like an answer from the Government of India. What are they doing about our land? What are they going to do about this tariff that our ally has imposed on us? Thank you.