

Regarding intolerance about a film

SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL (VADAKARA): Thank you, Madam for this opportunity.

I rise today to address a pressing concern that strikes at the heart of our democracy ? freedom of expression. The recent attacks on the Malayalam film L2: Empuraan, starring the legend of Indian film Mohanlal and directed by none other than Prithviraj Sukumaran, written by one and only Murli Gopi, by the members of Sangh *parivar*, BJP leaders, and even a Central Minister, expose a dangerous trend of intolerance that we cannot ignore.

Who decides what is acceptable expression? If you allow mob sentiment or political agenda to dictate art, we risk losing our cultural soul. Their families are attacked, and an actor like Mohanlal is forced to write an apology. We cannot accept this. Freedom of expression must be upheld.

I would urge this House to reaffirm our commitment to free speech. Let ? Empuraan? be a wake-up call, not a warning of suppression but a testament to resilience.

माननीय सभापति : मेरा सभी माननीय सदस्यों से निवेदन है कि वे एक मिनट में अपनी बात पूरी करें ।