

COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

(SIXTH LOK SABHA)

FIFTH REPORT

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PERSONNEL OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES
(1977-78)

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman

MEMBERS

2. Shri Halimuddin Ahmed
3. Shri O. V. Alagesan
4. Shri Hitendra Desai *
5. Shri Krishan Kant
6. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
7. Shri R. Mohanarangam
8. Dr. V. A. Seyid Muhammed
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10. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
11. Shri Meetha Lal Patel
12. Shri B. Shankaranand
13. Shri Madhav Prasad Tripathi
14. Shri Ravindra Varma
15. ***

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Table Officer.*

* Appointed Chairman with effect from 5-8-1977 *vice* Shri K.S. Hegde resigned from the Committee.

** Nominated with effect from 31-8-1977.

*** Vacant on account of resignation of Shri Ram Jethmalani from membership of Committee with effect from 13-12-1978.

FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

(SIXTH LOK SABHA)

I. Introduction and Procedure

I, the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges, having been authorised by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this their Fifth Report to the House on the question of privilege raised¹ by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P., regarding alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, M.P., contained in a letter received by the latter, and referred² to the Committee by the Speaker on the 1st March, 1979.

2. The Committee held seven sittings. The relevant minutes of these sittings form part of the Report and are appended hereto.

3. At their first sitting held on the 20th March, 1979, the Committee decided in the first instance to examine in person Sarvashri Mani Ram Bagri and Raj Narain, M.Ps. The Committee also decided that Sarvashri Mani Ram Bagri and Raj Narain might also be asked to produce before the committee the original letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, stated to have been received by Shri Raj Narain, M.P., from one Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, Meerut, on the basis of which Shri Bagri had raised the question of privilege in the House.

4. At their second sitting held on the 27th March, 1979, the Committee examined on oath Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

The Committee also decided to examine in person Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97, Khandak, Meerut (U.P.), who was alleged to have written the impugned letter to Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

5. At their third sitting held on the 9th April, 1979, the Committee examined on oath Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P. and Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal of Meerut, the alleged author of the impugned letter to Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

At the direction of the Committee, Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal submitted his specimen signatures and a specimen of his handwriting in Hindi, before the Committee.

The Committee decided that the specimen signatures and specimen handwriting of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal might be got examined and compared by a handwriting expert, through the Ministry of Home Affairs, with

1. L.S. Deb., dt. 1-3-1979, cc.215-16.

2. *Ibid.*

those of the letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, alleged to have been written by him, to Shri Raj Narain, M.P., as well as the letter dated the 4th March, 1979, addressed by him to the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

6. At their fourth sitting held on the 17th May, 1979, the Committee pursued the report of the handwriting expert furnished by the Ministry of Home Affairs and decided that the handwriting expert be asked to appear before the Committee for oral examination in person on Friday, the 18th May, 1979, at 16.30 hours.

7. At their fifth sitting held on the 18th May, 1979, the Committee examined on oath the Handwriting Expert, Shri S. L. Mukhi, Senior Scientific Officer (Documents)-cum-Assistant Chemical Examiner to the Government of India.

8. At their sixth sitting held on the 30th May, 1979, the Committee finalised their findings and recommendation on the matter.

9. At their seventh sitting held on the 31st May, 1979, the Committee adopted their draft Report.

II. Facts of the Case

10. On the 28th February, 1979, Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P., gave notice of a question of privilege under Rule 222 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, stating that Shri Raj Narain, another Member, had received a letter³ containing a threat to murder him.

11. Shri Mani Ram Bagri sought to raise⁴ the matter in the House also on the 1st March, 1979.

The Speaker, thereupon, observed⁵ as follows :—

“...Mr. Bagri brought to my notice a letter said to have been written by one Mr. Mittal to Mr. Raj Narain saying that, because he was carrying on a campaign against RSS, his mouth would be shut.... That is a very serious matter. I have found a *prima facie* case, and I have referred the matter to the Privileges Committee.....”

3. See Appendix I (A photostat copy of the impugned letter was submitted to the Speaker).

4. L.S. Deb., dt. 1-3-1979, cc. 215-16.

5. *Ibid.*

12. The impugned letter⁶ (original in Hindi) read as follows :—

“97, Khandak,
Meerut (U.P.)
23-2-1979.

Dear Sir,

A news item has appeared in yesterday's newspaper that you are going to organise a new front to counter the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh. Why are you so much after R.S.S. these days?

Is it because you have been expelled from the Union Cabinet? Perhaps you may be under the impression that there was the R.S.S. hand behind your expulsion.

However, the fact is that the continuance in the Union Cabinet of a *Madari* (Juggler) like you would only have brought discredit to the leader of the Janata Party on the one hand and to the reputation of the country on the other.

Now I want to warn you through this letter that whatever propaganda you might have done so far against the R.S.S. let it be there. But if you dare open your mouth against the R.S.S. from now onwards, your voice will be stopped for ever.

I am not only an active worker of the R.S.S. but also an office bearer. Our Sangh is entirely a non-political organisation. It is purely a cultural and social organisation. We do not have even a remote connection with politics. Our Sar Sangh Chalak, Shri Deoras, had declared this on a number of occasions.

There may be one more reason why you bear a grudge against R.S.S.—that our Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee is going to replace the old man as Prime Minister. Then, a mean person like you will have to be vanished from the holy soil of India.

You are in league with Indira Gandhi. You have no integrity. You are a man without principles and morals. Unfortunately, you have won the election with the help of CIA by adopting dishonest means. You must thank your stars otherwise who would care for a worthless person like you.

Even the person whom you elevated as 'Ram' so that you could be his 'Hanuman', has disowned you. I doubt whether you are the son of your father or not.

I had come to Delhi. I went to your kothi, but unfortunately you were not there. I was told that you had gone to Shri Chandra Shekhar's kothi. I did not have much time, otherwise, I could have settled the scores with you there and then.

Sd/-
Ajay Kumar Mittal.”

⁶ See Appendix I.

13. Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal addressed a letter⁷ dated the 4th March, 1979, to the Speaker, in which he had disowned the authorship of the impugned letter, and stated as follows (original in Hindi) :—

“4 March, 1979

From

Ajay Kumar Mittal,
97, Khandak,
Meerut (U.P.).

To

Shri K. S. Hegde,
Speaker, Lok Sabha,
New Delhi

Sir,

Shri Mani Ram Bagri presented in Lok Sabha recently a letter containing a threat against Shri Raj Narain, M.P., which was later referred to the Privileges Committee. A news in this regard was broadcast from A.I.R. and published in the press.

I have come to know that the said letter was written in my name. I want to inform you that I have nothing to do with the letter and I did not write this letter. I feel that a person having enmity with me has played this mischief just to harass me. I humbly submit that this matter may be looked into and the person found guilty be punished. I am always willing to co-operate in any process of enquiry.

With thanks.

Yours,

Sd/-
(Ajay Kumar Mittal)

III. Findings of the Committee

14. The Committee gave priority to this matter and considered it with great care as it related to an alleged threat to the life of a member of the House. The Committee examined on oath Shri Raj Narain, MP and Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP. The Committee also examined Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, who is alleged to have written the impugned letter and Shri S. L. Mukhi, the hand-writing expert. When Shri Raj Narain, MP, appeared before the Committee, he produced the impugned letter in original received by him. The Committee asked Shri Raj Narain, MP, to submit the original or photostat copies of similar letters, stated to have been received by him recently, containing threats to his life. He did not, however, produce any such letter before the Committee.

⁷ See Appendix II.

The Committee examined Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal at considerable length and obtained his specimen signatures⁸ and a specimen of his handwriting⁹ in Hindi for being examined by the handwriting expert.

As desired by the Committee, the Chairman also addressed a letter¹⁰ to the Speaker, Lok Sabha, requesting him to take up the matter with the Minister of Home Affairs in order to provide for immediate suitable security arrangements for Shri Raj Narain, MP. A letter¹¹ in this regard was accordingly addressed by the Speaker to the Minister of Home Affairs, who made the necessary security arrangements¹².

15. The Committee considered the written opinion¹³ of the handwriting expert a copy of which was furnished by the Ministry of Home Affairs, on the question whether the handwriting and the signature of the impugned letter tallied with specimen handwriting and the specimen signatures of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal. In the opinion of the handwriting expert, while the signature of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal on the cyclostyled letter dated the 4th March, 1979, addressed by him to the Speaker, Lok Sabha, tallied with his specimen signatures, the handwriting and signature in the letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, alleged to have been written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal to Shri Raj Narain, MP, did not tally with his specimen handwriting and specimen signatures.

In this connection, Shri S. L. Mukhi, the handwriting expert, in his evidence, confirmed his written opinion and *inter alia* stated on oath as follows :—

“After examining these documents with the help of scientific aids, I have arrived at the following conclusions. The first one is that the handwriting evidence points to the writer of specimen writings marked S¹ and S² being the person responsible for writing the questioned writings marked Q³ and Q⁴

The second opinion I have given is that the questioned writings marked Q¹ and Q² could not be connected with the specimen writings marked S¹ and S². . .

⁸ Appendix—III.

⁹ Appendix—IV.

¹⁰ Appendix—V.

¹¹ Appendix—VI.

¹² Appendix—VII.

¹³ Appendix—VIII.

NOTE : The letters S¹ S², Q¹, Q², Q³, Q⁴ refer to the following documents :—

S¹: Specimen signatures of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal

S²: Specimen handwriting of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal

Q¹ & Q²: { Impugned letter dated 23-2-79 received by Shri Raj Narain, MP, containing threat to murder him.

Q³ Signature of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal on his cyclostyled letter dated 4-3-1979 addressed to Speaker, Lok Sabha.

Q⁴ Address on the envelop containing cyclostyled letter dated 4-3-79 addressed to Speaker, Lok Sabha by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal.

I joined this laboratory as a Senior Scientific Officer (Documents) in 1972. Till today, I have examined more than 700 cases and have appeared before more than 300 courts as an expert. . . .

I believe in most cases our opinions are being accepted because, if there is something wrong and they pass a stricture against us, that should be conveyed to us."

When asked to state whether he had received any such stricture so far, the witness replied in the negative.

The Ministry of Home Affairs have also informed¹⁴ the Committee that "As for the investigations made with regard to the threatening letter alleged to have been written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal to Shri Raj Narain, the inquiries made in the matter did not confirm that Shri Mittal had sent any such letter to Shri Raj Narain".

16. After careful consideration of all the facts and circumstances, the Committee have reached the conclusion that as the handwriting and signature in the letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, alleged to have been written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal to Shri Raj Narain, MP, do not tally with his specimen handwriting and specimen signatures, the impugned letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, addressed to Shri Raj Narain, MP, was *not* written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 96-Khandak, Meerut (U.P.).

17. In view of the above, the Committee are of the opinion that the matter calls for no further action and so it may be dropped.

IV. Recommendation of the Committee

18. The Committee recommend that no further action be taken by the House in the matter.

NEW DELHI ;

The 31st May, 1979.

SAMAR GUHA

Chairman,

Committee of Privileges.

¹⁴. See Appendix—IX.

MINUTES

I

First Sitting

New Delhi, Tuesday, the 20th March, 1979

The Committee sat from 15.00 to 15.35 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Halimuddin Ahmed
3. Shri Krishan Kant
4. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
5. Shri Madhav Prasad Tripathi

SECRETARIAT

Shri I. Pershad—*Chief Legislative Committee Officer.*

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Legislative Committee Officer.*

2. The Committee took up consideration of the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, *re.* alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter.

3. The Committee decided that, in the first instance, Sarvashri Mani Ram Bagri and Raj Narain, MPs, might be requested to appear before the Committee for oral examination. The Committee also directed that Shri Mani Ram Bagri and Shri Raj Narain might also be asked to produce before the Committee the *Original letter* dated the 23rd February, 1979, stated to have been received by Shri Raj Narain, MP, from Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, Meerut, on the basis of which Shri Bagri had raised the question of privilege in the House.

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The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1979.

** Paras 4, 5 and 6 relate to other cases and have, accordingly, been omitted.

II

Second Sitting

New Delhi, Tuesday, the 27th March, 1979

The Committee sat from 15.00 to 16.45 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Halimuddin Ahmed
3. Shri Krishan Kant
4. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
5. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
6. Shri Meetha Lal Patel

SECRETARIAT

Shri I. Pershad—*Chief Legislative Committee Officer.*

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Legislative Committee Officer.*

WITNESSES

(i) ** ** **

(ii) Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

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5. The Committee then took up further consideration of the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, *re.* alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter.

6. Shri Raj Narain, M.P., was called in and examined on oath by the Committee.

7. Shri Raj Narain, M.P., handed over to the Committee the impugned original letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, stated to have been received by him from Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97, Khandak, Meerut (U.P.).

The Committee asked Shri Raj Narain, M.P., to submit to the Committee the original or photostat copies of similar letters containing alleged threats to his life received by him recently and also references to Lok Sabha

* Paras 2, 3 and 4 relate to another case and have, accordingly, been omitted.

Debates which contained his statements or speeches against R.S.S. immediately preceding the letter from Shri Mittal to him.

(Verbatim record of evidence was kept)

(The witness then withdrew)

8. The Committee then deliberated on the matter and decided to examine in person Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97, Khandak, Meerut (U.P.) who is alleged to have written the impugned letter to Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

9. The Committee directed that the Ministry of Home Affairs might be asked to intimate whether any investigations had been started by them in the matter and, if so, the present stage thereof.

10. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 9th April, 1979, at 15.00 hours.

III

Third Sitting

New Delhi, Monday, the 9th April, 1979

The Committee sat from 15.00 to 16.45 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri O. V. Alagesan
3. Shri Krishan Kant
4. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
5. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani

SECRETARIAT

Shri I. Pershad—*Chief Legislative Committee Officer.*

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Legislative Committee Officer.*

WITNESSES

- (1) Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P.
- (2) Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97, Khandak, Meerut (U.P.).

2. The Committee took up further consideration of the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, *re.* alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter.

3. Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, was called in and examined on oath by the Committee.

(Verbatim record of evidence was kept)

(The witness then withdrew)

4. Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal of Meerut, the alleged author of the impugned letter to Shri Raj Narain, MP, containing a threat to murder the latter, was then called in and examined on oath by the Committee.

At the direction of the Committee, Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal submitted his specimen signatures and a specimen of his handwriting in Hindi, before the Committee.

(Verbatim record of evidence was kept)

(The witness then withdrew)

5. The Committee then deliberated on the matter and felt that as the matter related to a threat to the life of a member of the House, the Speaker might be requested by the Chairman to consider the question of taking up the matter with the Minister of Home Affairs to provide for immediate suitable security arrangements for Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

6. The Committee also decided that the specimen signatures and handwriting of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal might be got examined and compared by a handwriting expert, through the Ministry of Home Affairs, with those of the letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, alleged to have been written by him to Shri Raj Narain, MP, as well as the letter dated the 4th March, 1979, addressed by him to the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

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The Committee then adjourned.

IV

Fourth Sitting

New Delhi, Thursday, the 17th May, 1979

The Committee set from 15.00 to 16.00 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Walimuddin Ahmed
3. Shri O. V. Alagesan
4. Shri Hitendra Desai

** Para 7 relates to another case and has, accordingly, been omitted.

5. Shri Krishan Kant
6. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
7. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
8. Shri Meetha Lal Patel
9. Shri B. Shankaranand.
10. Shri Madhav Prasad Tripathi

SECRETARIAT

Shri K. K. Saxena—*Chief Examiner of Bills and Resolutions.*

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Table Officer.*

2. The Committee considered the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, *re.* alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter. In this connection, the Committee perused the report of the handwriting expert furnished by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the question whether the specimen signatures and handwriting of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal tallied with those of the letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, alleged to have been written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal to Shri Raj Narain, MP, as well as the letter dated the 4th March, 1979, addressed by him to the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

The Committee decided that the report of the handwriting expert furnished by the Ministry of Home Affairs be circulated to the Members of the Committee and the concerned handwriting expert be asked to appear before the Committee for oral examination on Friday, the 18th May, 1979, at 16.30 hours.

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The Committee then adjourned.

V

Fifth Sitting

New Delhi, Friday, the 18th May, 1979

The Committee sat from 16.30 to 17.25 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri O. V. Alagesan
3. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
4. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
5. Shri B. Shankaranand
6. Shri Madhav Prasad Tripathi

** Para 3 relates to another case and has, accordingly, been omitted.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Table Officer.*

WITNESS

Shri S. L. Mukhi, *Senior Scientific Officer (Documents)-cum-Asstt. Chemical Examiner to the Government of India.*

2. The Committee took up further consideration of the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, *re.* alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter.

3. Shri S. L. Mukhi, Senior Scientific Officer (Documents)-cum-Asstt. Chemical Examiner to the Government of India, was called in and examined on oath by the Committee.

(Verbatim record of evidence was kept)

(The witness then withdrew)

4. The Committee then deliberated on the matter and decided to consider their draft Report on the matter at their next sitting.

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6. The Committee decided to hold their next sittings on the 30th and 31st May, 1979.

The Committee then adjourned.

VI

Sixth Sitting

New Delhi, Wednesday, the 30th May, 1979

The Committee sat from 15.30 to 16.45 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri O. V. Alagesan
3. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
4. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
5. Shri Meetha Lal Patel
6. Shri B. Shankaranand
7. Shri Madhav Prasad Tripathi

** Para 5, relates to another case and has, accordingly, been omitted.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Table Officer.*

2. The Committee took up further consideration of the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, re. alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter.

The Committee reached the conclusion that as the handwriting and signature in the letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, alleged to have been written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal to Shri Raj Narain, MP, did not tally with his specimen handwriting and specimen signatures, the impugned letter dated the 23rd February, 1979, addressed to Shri Raj Narain, MP, was *not* written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97, Khandak, Meerut (U.P.). The Committee were of the opinion that the matter called for no further action and it might be dropped. The Committee decided to recommend that no further action be taken by the House in the matter.

3. The Committee finalised their findings and recommendation on the above matter and decided that the draft Report of the Committee based on the findings and recommendation finalised by them, might be circulated to the members of the Committee for consideration at their sitting to be held on the 31st May, 1979.

The Committee decided that the entire evidence taken before the Committee and the relevant documents produced before the Committee be appended to the Report of the Committee.

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5. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 31st May, 1979, at 10.00 hours.

VII

Seventh Sitting

New Delhi, Thursday, the 31st May, 1979

The Committee sat from 10.00 to 12.40 hours.

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Halimuddin Ahmed
3. Shri O. V. Alagesan
4. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
5. Shri R. Mohanarangam

** Para 4 relates to another case and has, accordingly been omitted.
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6. Shri Narsingh
7. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
8. Shri Meetha Lal Patel
9. Shri B. Shankaranand
10. Shri Madhav Prasad Tripathi
11. Shri Ravindra Varma

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Table Officer.*

2. The Committee considered their draft Fifth Report on the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, re. alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain,, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter. In this connection, the Committee also considered a note by Shri Narsingh, a member of the Committee, containing suggestions for certain amendments in the draft Report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted the draft Report with certain modifications of a verbal and drafting nature.

3. The Committee decided that as the House was not in Session and the term of the present Committee would end on the 31st May, 1979, the Fifth Report of the Committee might be presented by the Chairman to the Speaker under the provisions of Rule 280 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha read with Direction 71A of the Directions by the Speaker, and that thereafter the Report be presented to the House during the next Session under the provisions of the above Rule and Direction.

4. *The Committee then 'adjourned.*

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
OF PRIVILEGES

Tuesday, the 27th March, 1979

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Halimuddin Ahmed
3. Shri Krishan Kant
4. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
5. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani
6. Shri Meetha Lal Patel.

SECRETARIAT

Shri I. Pershad—*Chief Legislative Committee Officer.*

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Legislative Committee Officer.*

WITNESS

Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

(The Committee met at 15.00 hours)

Evidence of Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

सभापति महोदय: राज नारायण जी, एक पत्र में आपकी हत्या की घमकी दिए जाने के बारे में श्री बागड़ी द्वारा विशेषाधिकार का प्रश्न उठाए जाने के सम्बन्ध में साक्ष्य देने के लिए आपसे इस समिति के समक्ष उपस्थित होने के लिए कहा गया है। मुझे आशा है कि इस मामले में आप निष्पक्ष तथा सच्चाई के साथ वास्तविक स्थिति बतलायेंगे। मैं आप को बतला दूँ कि लोक सभा के प्रक्रिया नियमों के नियम सं० 275 के अनुसार आप समिति के सामने जो भी साक्ष्य देंगे, उसे तब तक गोपनीय रखेंगे जब तक कि समिति का प्रतिवेदन और उस की कार्यवाही लोक सभा में प्रस्तुत

नहीं कर दी जाती । समिति की कार्यवाही समय से पूर्व प्रकट करना अथवा इसे प्रकाशित करना विशेषाधिकार का हनन माना जायेगा । समिति के सामने आप जो साक्ष्य देंगे वह सदन को बताया जा सकता है ।

अब आप अपनी इच्छानुसार शपथ लें या प्रतिज्ञान करें ।

(श्री राज नारायण ने शपथ ग्रहण की)

सभापति महोदय : अजय कुमार मित्तल के नाम से जो चिट्ठी आई, वह कब आई ?

श्री राज नारायण : यह चिट्ठी 23-2-79 को लिखी गई है । उस के दो, चार दिन बाद हमारे दफ्तर में मिली होगी ।

सभापति महोदय : अजय कुमार मित्तल को आप जानते हैं ?

श्री राज नारायण : मैं उस को नहीं जानता हूँ ।

सभापति महोदय : अजय कुमार मित्तल ने स्पीकर साहब को एक खत लिखा है

श्री राज नारायण : उस की एक कापी मेरे पास भी आई है ।

सभापति महोदय : इस के बारे में आप की क्या राय है ?

श्री राज नारायण : मैं इस पर क्या राय दूँ । मैं निजी तौर पर इस में इनवोल्व्ड हूँ, इसलिए इस में कोई राय नहीं देना चाहता हूँ । मैं इस बारे में खाली एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ कि ये जो अजय कुमार मित्तल हैं, उन को यह पता कैसे चला कि ये वही मित्तल हैं, जिन के बारे में बागड़ी जी ने स्पीकर साहब को चिट्ठी लिखी थी ? इन्होंने यह कैसे समझ लिया कि उस चिट्ठी का सम्बन्ध इन्हीं मित्तल से है ? क्या स्पीकर साहब ने उन को लिखा था ?

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : हाऊस में वह चिट्ठी पढ़ी गई ?

श्री राज नारायण : जी नहीं । आप प्रोसीडिंग्स मंगा कर देख लीजिए ।

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : He has raised a very valid point.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : You don't know that person. You had no contact. It was for the first time.

श्री राज नारायण : जब इन की चिट्ठी की एक प्रतिलिपि हमारे पास आई, तो हमारे दिमाग में यह बात आई कि इस आदमी ने इतना प्रोम्प्ट एक्शन स्पीकर साहब को खत लिखने का क्यों लिया और इन को यह कैसे पता चला कि वे ही वह

अजय कुमार मित्तल हैं, जिन के बारे में बागड़ी साहब ने स्पीकर साहब को लिखा था ।

दूसरी बात यह है कि जो उन का ओरिजनल लैटर है, वह टाइप्ड है, मुझे नहीं मालूम कि अध्यक्ष जी को जो चिट्ठी आई है वह टाइप्ड है या नहीं । मैं चाहूंगा—आप दोनों सिग्नेचर मिलायें—क्या दोनों में एक ही सिग्नेचर हैं या नहीं । हमारे पास जो शुरू की चिट्ठी है वह पूरी हाथ से लिखी थी और अजय कुमार मित्तल के हस्ताक्षर भी हैं और वह हिन्दी में हैं । यह चिट्ठी भी हिन्दी में ही है पर टाइप्ड है और हस्ताक्षर हाथ से किए गए हैं । इसलिए इस बात की जानकारी की जानी चाहिए कि दोनों हस्ताक्षर एक ही आदमी के हैं या नहीं ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : लेकिन यह तो साइक्लोस्टाइल्ड लगती है, अध्यक्ष के पास भी साइक्लोस्टाइल्ड चिट्ठी आई है ।

श्री राज नारायण : अगर साइक्लोस्टाइल्ड है तो उसकी जरूरत क्यों पड़ी ।

सभापति महोदय : आप जानते हैं कि अगर आप के पार्लियामेंट के किसी काम में कोई रूकावट डाली जाय, तभी विशेषाधिकार बनता है ।

श्री राज नारायण : मैंने कई बार कहा है कि हम को जान से मारने की धमकी दी जा रही है । पार्लियामेंट में आर०एस०एस० के बारे में सवाल मैंने एक बार नहीं कई बार उठाया है, तो आर०एस०एस० के बारे में पार्लियामेंट में हम ने जो समय-समय पर कहा, उस की जानकारी उस व्यक्ति को होगी । वह व्यक्ति पढ़ा-लिखा मालूम होता है, क्योंकि उस का राइटिंग बड़ा अच्छा है । वह बड़ी आसानी से कह सकता है कि आप आर०एस०एस० के बारे में बोल रहे हैं । उस ने यह नहीं लिखा है कि आप पार्लियामेंट में बोल रहे हैं ।

प्रो० पी० जी० नावलंकर : 23 फरवरी की जो चिट्ठी है, उसमें क्या संसद का कोई जिक्र किया गया है ? या केवल आर०एस०एस० के खिलाफ हैं—इतना ही कहा गया है ?

श्री राज नारायण : जी हां—इतना ही । वह आदमी बड़ा इन्टेलीजेन्ट मालूम होता है । इसी लिये उस ने संसद में या संसद के बाहर ऐसी कोई बात नहीं कही है ।

सभापति महोदय : जो हमारा काम है, वह तो हम करेंगे, लेकिन संसद के काम में रूकावट डाली गई है, यह साबित करना है क्योंकि तभी कोई प्रिविलेज का मैटर बन सकता है ।

प्रो० पी० जी० नावलंकर : जो आप की भूमिका संसद के सभा भवन में रही है या संसद के बाहर जो आप की भूमिका है, उसके के बारे में यदि कुछ कहा गया हो, तो आप बताइए ?

श्री राज नारायण : हम को याद नहीं पड़ रहा है ।

प्रो० पी० जी० साबलकर : संसद् में आर०एस०एस० के खिलाफ यदि कुछ कहा हो तो वह आप हमें दे दीजिए ?

श्री राज नारायण : मैं यह रिक्वेस्ट करूंगा कि मैं बहु-धंधी हूं । आज यहाँ हूँ तो कल मुजफ्फरनगर हूँ और मेरे लिए यह सब इकट्ठा करना जरा मुश्किल होगा ।

सभापति महोदय : यह तो ठीक है लेकिन यह सब मैटीरियल तो आप को देना चाहिए जिस से कमेटी अपना काम अच्छी तरह से कर सके ।

श्री राज नारायण : मैं समझ गया हूँ और इस में ज्यादा कहने की आवश्यकता नहीं है ।

सभापति महोदय : आप अगर देंगे, तो हमारे लिए आसानी होगी ।

श्री राज नारायण : आप ने यह तो कह दिया है लेकिन आप भी अपने दिल में समझते होंगे कि आप को फाइन्ड-आऊट करना चाहिए क्योंकि संसद् के बारे में यह है ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : उस में कोई मेशन नहीं लोक सभा की ।

सभापति महोदय : हमारे पास जो कागज भेजे गये हैं, उस में मेज पार्लियामेंटरी प्रेक्टिस को कोड किया गया है । उस में लिखा गया है कि पार्लियामेंट से कुछ कनेक्शन बनता हो, तब तो प्रिविलेज का सवाल बनता है । आप के आने के पहले हम यही बात कर रहे थे कि आप से यह पूछा जाएगा कि पार्लियामेंट से इस का क्या सम्बन्ध बैठता है ।

श्री राज नारायण : मनीराम बागड़ी जी से भी आप पूछ लें । मैं भी यह देने की कोशिश करूंगा ।

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Apart from your utterances in the Lok Sabha. The letter says—'News Item has appeared in yesterday's newspaper.' The letter is dated 23rd February. Newspaper is of 22nd February. It says that you are going to organise a youth front to counter the R.S.S.

You kindly help us in what we have told you.

श्री राज नारायण : वे आप की हैल्प कर देंगे क्योंकि हम ने इस के बाद मीटिंग बुलाई थी और वह केवल संसद सदस्यों की थी ।

श्री नरेन्द्र पी० नथवानी : यह किस न्यूजपेपर में आया है, यह भी आप दे दें।

श्री राज नारायण : वह तो केवल संसद सदस्यों की मीटिंग बुलाई थी।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : इन का सवाल यह है कि 22 फरवरी को जो अखबार में निकला है, क्या वह संसद में जो 21 तारीख को कहा था, उस का ही निकला था या किसी और का ?

श्री राज नारायण : अखबार में यह खबर दे दी गई थी कि हमारे मकान पर किसी तारीख को उन सभी सदस्यों की बैठक होगी, जो एन्टी आर०एस०एस० मूव के थे। उस में वही संसद भाग लेंगे जो यह मान चुके हैं कि :—

R.S.S. is communal. R.S.S. is fascist.

श्री नरेन्द्र पी० नथवानी : उस न्यूजपेपर की कटिंग हम चाहते हैं।

श्री राज नारायण : वह भेज देंगे।

प्रो० पी० जी० मावलंकर : राज नारायण जी आप यह कह रहे हैं कि कई संसद सदस्यों की सभा आप के निवास स्थान पर हुई। हो सकता है, उस के सिलसिले में यह न्यूज आइटम अखबार में छपी हो लेकिन मेरा प्रश्न दूसरा है कि संसद सदस्य हर एक बात पर अपनी-अपनी राय रखते हैं और उसके लिए प्रचार करते हैं। सवाल यह है कि आर०एस०एस० पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाएं या आर०एस०एस० का विरोध करें, इस बारे में जो आप की राय है, उसके लिए संसद के सभा भवन में कोई आप ने सवाल पूछा या कोई विधेयक रखा है ? अगर कोई काम रोको प्रस्ताव के बारे में कोई बात कही या संसद सदस्य के नाते जो आप के अधिकार और कर्तव्य हैं उन का इस्तेमाल करते हुए आप ने आर०एस०एस० के खिलाफ कुछ कहा हो, इस लिये उस ने दण्डित करने की बात लिखी हो, तो आप उस को बतायें ?

श्री राज नारायण : इस को हम बुद्धने को कोशिश करेंगे।

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : You can help us to find out in which newspapers there is reference to your activity regarding RSS. It may help us to link it up with your duties as an M.P.

श्री राज नारायण : हां, ठीक है।

और भी हमारे पास जो चिट्ठियां आई हैं, वे भी हम आप को दे देंगे। मैं आप को बताऊं—मुझे बड़ी खुशी है कि पब्लिक बड़ी काशंस हो गई है, वह खड़ी हो जाती है और ऐसे लोगों को टांग से पकड़ कर बाहर फेंक देती है। पचास हजार—एक लाख की सभा में ऐसे दस-बीस आदमी हल्ला करते हैं।

सभापति महोदय : वह मामला यहां पर नहीं है। हम को तो यह देखना है कि आप के जीवन को खतरा न पहुंचे और संसद् सदस्य के नाते आप अपने फर्ज अदा कर सकें।

श्री राज नारायण : आप मेरे जीवन के साथ-साथ राष्ट्र को भी बचायें।

सभापति महोदय : एक-दो बातें और जाननी हैं। ये जो अजय कुमार मित्तल के नाम से चिट्ठी आई है, उन्होंने इसका खण्डन करने की कोशिश की है—तो इस के बारे में आप को कुछ जानकारी है ?

श्री राज नारायण : मैं चाहूंगा—आप एक बैठक मेरठ में कर लें और उसके गांव में जा कर पता लगायें कि वह आर०ए०एस० का आदमी है या नहीं है। मेरठ के तीन-चार एसेम्बली के मمبر हैं। वहां पर एक तो ग्राम पाल जी ही रहते हैं।

श्री पी० बी० माबलंकर : अगली बार जब आप कमेटी में आएंगे, तो पूरी जानकारी दे दीजिए।

सभापति महोदय : आप को और भी चिट्ठियां मिली होंगी ? वे कितनी होंगी ?

श्री राज नारायण : 8, 10, 12 आ जाती हैं।

सभापति महोदय : ये 8, 10 चिट्ठियां जो आती हैं, उन में से किसी एक के लिखने वाले की भी जानकारी आप को नहीं है ?

श्री राज नारायण : हम को जानकारी किसी की नहीं है। अगर हम पर्सनली किसी को जानते हैं, तो वह हमें लिखेगा नहीं।

सभापति महोदय : आप को रोज कितनी चिट्ठी आती हैं ?

श्री राज नारायण : लगभग 100 आती हैं। जब हम मिनिस्टर थे, तब हमारे पास दो आदमी थे लेकिन अब 4 आदमी हैं और वे इन को देखते हैं। सब का जवाब नहीं दे पाते हैं।

प्रो० पी० जी० माबलंकर : उन 100 में से इस तरह की कितनी चिट्ठी होती हैं।

श्री राज नारायण : इस तरह की चिट्ठी 4, 6 और 8 होती हैं। मैंने तो बागड़ी जी को कहा था कि प्रिविलेज कमेटी में इस मामले को भेजने से क्या फायदा। आपका संगठन मजबूत होना चाहिए। पब्लिक मीटिंग में हम जाते हैं, तो कुछ लोग मुर्दाबाद

कहते हैं। उससे क्या होता है। वे कहते हैं कि गोली मार देंगे। गांधी जी को भी तो गोली मारी थी और कुछ महीनों के बाद उन के चित्र जगह-जगह लग गये। हम को मार दोगे, तो हम तो स्वर्ग में चले जाएंगे। जब तक मैं जिन्दा हूँ, तभी तक मैं भोग रहा हूँ। जब मर गया, तो मुझे क्या पता। इसलिए मुझे मरने की चिन्ता नहीं।

समापति महोदय: इस में जीने-मरने की क्या बात है। हमारी चिन्ता तो यह है कि एक संसद् सदस्य की हैसियत से आप जो काम कर रहे हैं, उनमें रुकावट न पड़े।

श्री राज नारायण: आप लोग रुकावट न डालें, तो अच्छी बात है।

प्रो० पी० जी० माबलंकर: प्रिविलेज कमेटी आप के काम में कोई रुकावट नहीं डालेगी।

श्री राज नारायण: मैं आऊँ आऊँ प्रिविलेज कमेटी की बात कह रहा हूँ।

प्रो० पी० जी० माबलंकर: आर०एस०एम० के अलावा और किसी दल या व्यक्ति से ऐसे लेटर आ सकते हैं ?

श्री राज नारायण: जी, नहीं। मैं आप को बताऊँ कि अभी पाँच, छः दिन पहले जब मैं होज खास से सभा खत्म कर के चला, तो रास्ता एकदम ब्लॉक हो गया और वहाँ पर लोगों ने हमारी गाड़ी के सामने आ कर कहा “इन्दिरा गांधी जिन्दाबाद और राज नारायण मुर्दाबाद”। हम ने कहा कि गाड़ी रोक दो और उन लोगों से कहा कि हमें मारना है तो मार दो। बाद में पता चला कि वे सारे-के-सारे लोग आर०एस०एस० के थे। अपने को छिपाने के लिये वे इन्दिरा गांधी का नाम लेते थे ताकि कोई यह न समझे कि वे आर०एस०एस० के हैं।

समापति महोदय: यह तो अलग बात है। हमारा सम्बन्ध तो आप के जीवन को बचाने से है।

श्री मीठालाल पटेल: आप की सेवाओं की देश को बहुत जरूरत है। इस क्रिस्म के पत्र आते हैं तो उससे बहुत दुःख होता है और इस संबंध में सतर्क रहने की भी बहुत आवश्यकता है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि आप की तरफ से क्या सुझाव है कि कमेटी क्या करे ? क्या इस संबंध में सहयोग कर सकते हैं ?

श्री राज नारायण: आप डा० मुबह्मद स्वामी को बुला कर भी पूछ लीजिये। इस पत्र के आने के संबंध में जब बात उठाई गई तो उसके नेक्स्ट डे या दो दिन के बाद उन्होंने कहा था कि मैं उस आदमी को जानता हूँ। उसने कहा है कि मैंने कोई चिट्ठी नहीं लिखी। उन्होंने लाबी में मैं से यह बात कही थी।

श्री भीठासाल पटेल : अगर आप के पास इस संबंध में कोई जानकारी है तो उसे कमेटी को देने को आपको कोई हर्ज नहीं होगा ।

श्री राज नारायण : कोई भी जानकारी जो मेरे पास होगी, वह सारी-की-सारी मैं आप को दूंगा, जैसाकि मैंने अभी आप को बताया कि स्वामी जी ने यह बात मुझ से कही थी, उनसे आप पूछ सकते हैं ।

सभापति महोदय : जब इस तरह की चिट्ठी आप को मिलनी है तो आप क्या करते हैं ?

श्री राज नारायण : प्राइम मिनिस्टर को टैलीफोन से कह देता हूं कि इस तरह की चिट्ठियां आती जा रही हैं ।

सभापति महोदय : फिर उन्होंने क्या किया ?

श्री राज नारायण : उन्होंने कहा—ठीक है, मैं होम मिनिस्टर को बता दूंगा । यह भी कह देते हैं कि तुम भी तो इनके पीछे पड़े हो ।

सभापति महोदय : आप की जान को जो खतरा है, उसके बारे में कोई कदम उठाया है ?

श्री राज नारायण : जिस दिन बागड़ी जी ने सभा में इसकी चर्चा की थी, उसके एक दिन बाद दिल्ली के पुलिस के कमिश्नर ने टेलीफोन किया था कि इसके बारे में कोई जानकारी हमारे पास हो तो बताएं ताकि हम लोग छानबीन कर सकें । हम ने कहा कि वह मेरठ का है । जो छानबीन करने के लिए कहते हैं, वे करते नहीं, आप छानबीन क्या करोगे ।

प्रो० पी० जी० मावलंकर : प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब को आप ने फोन ही किया या कुछ लिख कर भी भेजा ?

श्री राज नारायण : शायद लिखा होगा, हम को याद नहीं ।

प्रो० पी० जी० मावलंकर : अगर पत्र लिखा होगा, तो उसकी प्रतिलिपि भी होगी ?

श्री राज नारायण : इसको देख लेंगे ।

प्रो० पी० जी० मावलंकर : वह भी भिजवा दीजिए ।

सभापति महोदय : आपको इतनी ऐसी चिट्ठियां आ रही हैं और हम चाहते हैं कि अपराधी को पकड़ा जाए । इस में आप हमें सहयोग दें ।

श्री राज नारायण : मैं आपको सहयोग देना चाहता हूं और आपको धन्यवाद भी देना चाहता हूं कि इतनी जल्दी आपने इस मामले को टेक-अप कर लिया, नहीं तो प्रिविलेज कमेटी में तो सालों लग जाते हैं ।

प्रो० पी० जी० नारायणकर: इस मामले को प्राथमिकता दे कर शुरू किया है।

श्री सी० लाल पटेल: आपने अभी बताया कि टेलीफोन पर आपने प्रधान मंत्री को बताया था और यह याद नहीं है कि उनको पहले पत्र लिखा था। अब भी आपको बराबर पत्र मिलते जा रहे हैं। तो क्या आप होम मिनिस्टर को या प्राइम मिनिस्टर को टेलीफोन पर बताना ही उचित समझते हैं ?

श्री राज नारायण: अगर मैं यह समझ लूं कि पत्र लिखने से कुछ फायदा होगा, तब तो पत्र लिखूँ वरता समय, कागज और स्थाही बर्बाद करने से क्या फायदा।

प्रो० पी० जी० नारायणकर: प्राइम मिनिस्टर ने या सरकार के किसी और मंत्री ने कोई जवाब आता लिख कर दिया ?

श्री राज नारायण: जी नहीं।

जब हम प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब को फोन करते हैं और उनसे कहते हैं कि आर०एस०एस० वाले हमारे पांछे पड़े हुए हैं, आप इनको समझाइए, तो वह कुछ कहने से टाल जाते हैं और कहते भी हैं तो यह कि आप भी तो उनके पीछे पड़े हुए हैं, मैं उनको क्या कहूँ।

सभापति महोदय: आपका धन्यवाद। जाँ सबूत आपके पास हों, उनको मेहरबानी करके भेज दीजिए।

श्री राज नारायण: आप अगर वहाँ जाएँ और वहाँ पर गांव के लोगों से पूछें तो आपको पता चल जाएगा कि वह कैसा आदमी है।

सभापति महोदय: जाँ 8, 10 लैटर आपके पास इस तरह के आए हैं, उनकी फोटोस्टेट करवा कर हमें कापी भेज दीजिए।

श्री राज नारायण: अगर आप यह ओरीजनल लैटर रख लें, स्पेसीमेन सिगनेचर कम्पेयर करने के लिए, तो मुझे कोई आपत्ति नहीं है।

सभापति महोदय: हमारे पास इसकी फोटोस्टेट कापी है।

(तत्पश्चात् साक्षी चले गये।)

Monday, the 9th April, 1979

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri O. V. Alagesan
3. Shri Krishan Kant
4. Professor P. G. Mavalankar
5. Shri Narendra P. Nathwani

SECRETARIAT

Shri I. Pershad—*Chief Legislative Committee Officer.*

Shri M. P. Gupta—*Senior Legislative Committee Officer.*

WITNESSES

- (i) Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P.
- (ii) Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97-Khandak, Meerut (U.P.).

(The Committee met at 15.00 hours)

(i) Evidence of Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P.

सभापति महोदय: एक पत्र में श्री राज नारायण जी की हत्या की घमकी दिए जाने के बारे में आपके द्वारा विशेषाधिकार का प्रश्न उठाये जाने के संबंध में साक्ष्य देने के लिए आपको समिति के सामने उपस्थित होने के लिए कहा गया है। मुझे आशा है कि आप इस मामले में निष्पक्ष तथा सच्चाई के साथ वास्तविक स्थिति बताएंगे। मैं आपको बता दूँ कि लोक सभा की प्रक्रिया के नियम संख्या 275 के अनुसार आप समिति के सामने जो भी साक्ष्य देंगे उसे तब तक गोपनीय रखेंगे जब तक कि समिति का प्रतिवेदन और इसकी कार्रवाई लोक सभा में प्रस्तुत नहीं कर दी जाती है। समिति को कार्रवाई समय से पूर्व प्रकट करना अथवा इसे प्रकाशित करना विशेषाधिकार का हनन माना जाएगा। समिति के सामने आप जो साक्ष्य देंगे वह सबन को बताया जा सकता है। अब आप अपनी इच्छानुसार शपथ या प्रतिज्ञापन कर सकते हैं।

(श्री बागड़ी ने प्रतिज्ञापन किया)

सभापति महोदय: अब इस मामले में आपको जो कुछ कहना हो कह सकते हैं।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी: जो कुछ मैंने लिख कर दिया है मेरी समझ के मुताबिक वह सत्य है। एक बात मैं अपने दिमाग के आधार पर कह सकता हूँ कि गांधी जी की हत्या से पहले उनको भी इस प्रकार के धमकी भरे पत्र मिले थे। यह सिर्फ एक व्यक्ति द्वारा किसी दूसरे व्यक्ति की हत्या करने का मामला नहीं है, यह विचारधारा का सवाल है। देश में एक जनतांत्रिक विचारधारा है, एक धर्म निरपेक्षता की है और समाजवाद की है और इन तीनों में थोड़ा बहुत अन्तर होते हुए भी ये तीनों एक मंजिल पर मिल सकती हैं, उनका वहाँ मेल हो सकता है लेकिन फिरकापरस्ती, तानाशाही और पूंजीशाही, ये भी एक जगह मेल खा सकती हैं लेकिन इनका दूसरी विचारधारा के साथ मेल कहीं नहीं हो सकता है। धमकी का जहाँ तक सवाल है उसकी तो आप जांच करेंगे ही लेकिन जो विचारधारा है उसका प्रकोप किसी पर भी और कभी भी हो सकता है, कभी किसी पर दया भी हो सकती है —

सभापति महोदय : विचारधारा की बात आपकी ठीक है। लेकिन हमें तो देखना होगा कि जिस के नाम से पत्र भेजा है क्या वह उसीका लिखा हुआ है जिसका पता दिया हुआ है ? उसकी गवाही भी हम लेंगे। क्या आपके पास कोई सबूत है कि कौन ऐसा आदमी हो सकता है ?

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : मेरे पास ऐसा कोई सबूत नहीं है जिससे मैं इस चीज को साबित कर सकूँ।

सभापति महोदय : क्या आपने सबूत इकट्ठा करने की कोशिश की है।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : श्री राजनारायण आर०एस०एस० के खिलाफ लोक सभा में ज्यादा बोलते थे। लोकसभा में बात चली तो कुछ साथियों ने एक-दो बार यह कहा कि इन पर आर०एस०एस० का भूत है, आपका भूत हटा दिया जाएगा। अब इसकी सेंस क्या हो सकती है मुझे पता नहीं। अच्छी सेंस में भी और बुरी में भी यह चीज कही जा सकती है। यह भी हो सकता है कि हमारे दिमाग में गलतफहमी हो आर०एस०एस० के बारे में और उसको मिटा दिया जाएगा और यह भी हो सकता है कि यह धमकी हो।

सभापति महोदय : आपके पास इसका कोई रिकार्ड है ?

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : रिकार्ड नहीं है। आप चैक कर सकते हैं। डा० बलदेव प्रकाश जी ने यह बात कही थी और इसी सेशन में कही थी। मुझे डेट याद नहीं है। ये शब्द इधर-उधर हो सकते हैं।

सभापति महोदय : रिकार्ड हो तो ज्यादा अच्छा हो। हम उनको भी बुला लेंगे। और पूछ लेंगे कि उनका मतलब क्या है ? लेकिन कब कहा था ?

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : इसी सेशन में। किसी ने कहा था कि ये आर०एस०एस० के पोछे क्यों पड़े हैं, किसी ने कहा कि आर०एस०एस० का भूत है। जब डा० बलदेव प्रकाशजी ने कहा कि भूत उतार दिया जाएगा तब मैंने उनको कहा कि ऐसे भूत नहीं उतरा करता है। उन्होंने कहा कि आप पर आर०एस०एस० का भूत है। वह उतर जाएगा। आप उनको बुला कर पूछ सकते हैं। वह झूठ नहीं बोलेंगे। अगर कहेंगे नहीं कहा तो मेरा भ्रंदाजा गलत है। लेकिन मुझे यकीन है कि डा० साहब इंकार नहीं करेंगे। हो सकता है लूज टाक में कहा हो।

सभापति महोदय : यह चिट्ठी से पहले या बाद की बात है ?

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : मेरे भ्रंदाजे के मुताबिक यह पहले की बात है। असल में मुझे तारीख याद नहीं रहती है। कारण यह है कि मैं ज्यादा काम आजकल लोक सभा का नहीं करता हूं। कुछ याददाश्त भी मेरी बहुत अच्छी नहीं है। मेरे ख्याल में यह पहले की बात है।

प्रो० पी० जी० आबलंकर : लोक सभा की वहस के दौरान क्या बात उठाई गई उसका जिक्र आपने किया है। आपने डा० बलदेव प्रकाश का नाम लिया है। उसके अलावा भी हाऊस के किसी दूसरे मेंबर के बारे में कोई बात हो तो उस पर भी हमको गंभीरता से ध्यान देना होगा। श्री राजनारायण जी की लोक सभा के सदस्य की हैसियत से उनकी भूमिका के सिलसिले में जो कुछ हां सकता है उसी की हम जानकारी कर सकते हैं और राजनीतिक या दूसरे मामलों में हम नहीं जा सकते हैं। आप अपने अनुभव के आधार पर क्या बता सकते हैं कि कौन-सी भूमिका श्री राजनारायण की लोक सभा सदस्य के नाते रही है जिसको लेकर यह मामला विवेकाधिकार समिति के अधिकार क्षेत्र में आता है, उसके अधीन बनता है ?

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : इसका कोई सबूत मेरे पास नहीं है। पार्लियामेंट के अन्दर जो बात हुई है वह किसी से छिपी हुई नहीं है। जनता पार्टी घड़ों से बनी है। चरण सिंह जी के खिलाफ कोई बोले तो बी०एल०डी० वाले उसको बर्दाश्त नहीं करते हैं...

सभापति महोदय : अभी बी०एल०डी० नहीं है।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : पार्टियों को अभी भी प्रतीक माना जाता है। सुभाष चन्द्र बोस का नाम आया और उनके खिलाफ कोई जरा सा भी बोलेगा तो मेरे जैसा आदमी थोड़ी देर के लिए आंख बंद भी कर लेगा लेकिन सभापति महोदय यह नामुमकिन है कि आप बर्दाश्त कर सकें। जैसे श्री अटलबिहारी वाजपेयी जी ने कहा था आर०एस०एस० के ऊपर 100 मिनिस्ट्रियां कुर्बान की जा सकती हैं। यही.....

प्रो० पी० जी० आबलंकर : वह राजनीतिक बात हुई।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : श्री राजनारायण ने बार-बार कहा है कि आर०एस०एस० के लोगों को मंत्री नहीं रहना चाहिये, उनको हटा देना चाहिये। आर०एस०एस० सामूहिक तानाशाही और इंदिरा गांधी व्यक्तिगत तानाशाही में विश्वास करती हैं इन दोनों में फर्क नहीं है। राजनारायण जी जब इस तरह की बातें कहते थे तो कुदरती बात है कि आर०एस०एस० वालों को नाराजगी होती।

प्रो० पी० जी० मावलंकर : सबूत नहीं है।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : जी, नहीं।

प्रो० पी० जी० मावलंकर : राजनारायण जी जो आलोचना करते थे उसीका यह परिणाम है।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : जी हां।

समापति महोदय : सबूत दे सकते तो आसान होता।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : राज नारायण जी ने कहा था वह आप से बात करेंगे और आप प्रोसीडिंग ले आएंगे।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : मेरे से आपकी याददाश्त ज्यादा अच्छी है। मैं निकालूंगा तो देर लगेगी। आप निकलवा सकते हैं। डा० बलदेव प्रकाश से पूछेंगे तो मुझे विश्वास है कि वह झूठ नहीं बोलेंगे।

समापति महोदय : आप का आगे चल कर कुछ सबूत मिले तो हमारे पास भेज दें। भंडारे में हम लोग हैं। कुछ भी सबूत नहीं मिल रहा है। राजनीति के आधार पर नहीं बल्कि राजनारायण जी को उनके पार्लियामेंट में काम करते हुए जो धमकी दी गई है उस आदमी को हम पकड़ नहीं पा रहे हैं।

श्री मनी राम बागड़ी : किसी व्यक्ति की राजनारायण से दुश्मनी नहीं है। यह विचारधारा का सवाल है। छुरी कांटों की लड़ाई से ही बम बना और भारत और पाकिस्तान भी विचारधारा की वजह से ही बने। राजनारायण जी जिस विचारधारा का प्रतिपादन कर रहे हैं उसके खिलाफ वायुमंडल पैदा कर रहे हैं उसको आप देखें। गांधी जी को किसी व्यक्ति ने नहीं मारा ...

समापति महोदय : समझ गए हैं।

(Shri Maniram Bagri withdrew.)

(ii) Evidence of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal,
97, Khandak, Meerut.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, you have been asked to appear before this Committee to give evidence in connection with the question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P. regarding the threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, M.P. contained in the letter addressed by you to him. I hope you will state the factual position frankly and briefly to enable this Committee to arrive at a correct finding.

I may inform you that under Rule 275 of the Rules of procedure, the evidence that you may give before the Committee is to be treated by you as confidential till the Report of the Committee and its proceedings are presented to the Lok Sabha. Any premature disclosure of any publication of the proceedings of the Committee would constitute a breach of privilege and contempt of the Committee.

The evidence which you give before the Committee may be reported to the House.

Now you may take the oath or affirmation as you like.

(Oath was taken).

MR. CHAIRMAN : When did you see this report about privilege regarding the letter written to Shri Raj Narain ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : आकाशवाणी से यह प्रसारित किया गया था कि किन्हीं श्री मित्तल ने मेरठ से ऐसा एक पत्र लिखा है। फिर ऐसा हुआ मेरे पास एक दिल्ली से फोन आया मेरठ में और मुझ से पूछा कि क्या तुमने ऐसा पत्र लिखा है? मैंने कहा मैंने नहीं लिखा—

सभापति महोदय : फोन किस का आया ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : एक आर०एस०एस० के आर्गेनाइजर हैं श्री ओम प्रकाश जी। उनसे मेरा परिचय है। वह वैस्टर्न यू०पी० में आर०एस०एस० का काम देखते हैं...

सभापति महोदय : उनका एड्रेस जानते हैं या नहीं ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : उनका कोई शायद स्थायी पता नहीं है। मेरे द्याल से वह सब जगह काम करते हैं।

सभापति महोदय : यह सुन कर आपने स्पीकर साहब को पत्र लिखा ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : जी हां।

सभापति महोदय: अभी हम आपको कुछ डिक्टेशन देंगे, आप उसके मुताबिक हिंदी में लिखिये।

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्रल: ठीक है।

सभापति महोदय: गुप्ता जी, डिक्टेशन दीजिये।

श्री एम० पी० गुप्ता: (निम्नलिखित डिक्टेशन दिया)

“कल अखबारों में पढ़ा था कि आप जनाब एक नया मोर्चा राष्ट्रीय स्वयं सेवक संघ के विरुद्ध खोलने जा रहे हैं, जिसमें कुछ लोग शामिल होंगे। तो जनाब, आजकल आप आर०एस०एस० के पीछे इतने क्यों हाथ धोकर पड़ गये हैं?”

क्या इसलिए कि आप जनाब को केन्द्रीय मंत्री मंडल से निकाल दिया गया। आप शायद यही समझते होंगे कि आपके निकालने में राष्ट्रीय स्वयं सेवक संघ का हाथ है।

जो भी हो, आप जैसे मदारी को केन्द्रीय मंत्री-मंडल में बने रहने से जहां जनता के नेताओं की बदनामी होती, वहां देश की भी महान हानि और बदनामी होती।”

The witness Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal was asked to write down a passage as dictated to him.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Mr. Nathwani, is it all right or do you want something more ?

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : One or two sentences more.

The witness was shown a letter bearing a signature purporting to be that of Ajay Kumar Mittal.

Witness says that it is not his signature.

The witness was shown the entire letter of 23rd February, 1979.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Is it in your handwriting ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It is not.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Give him a piece of paper and ask him to give his six signatures.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Mr. Ajay Kumar Mittal, please leave some space after your signature—one after another.

सभापति महोदय: अभी तक आप आर०एस०एस० में हैं ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्रल: जी, हां।

सभापति महोदय : राजनारायण जी से जान-पहिचान है ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : कभी नहीं ।

सभापति महोदय : राजनारायण जी आर०एस०एस० के खिलाफ अखबारों में बयान देते हैं, कभी इसके बारे में मिलान किया है ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : मिलान से क्या मतलब ?

सभापति महोदय : उसके खिलाफ कभी आपने स्टेटमेंट दिया है ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : सम्पादक के नाम, मैं अक्सर लिखता रहता हूं और उसमें एक, दो बार श्री राजनारायण जी पर भी मैंने टिप्पणी की है ।

सभापति महोदय : उसमें क्या लिखा है ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : एक बार तो मैंने उन्हें "अति दुराग्रही" लिखा है ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am asking you whether you have made any comment whatsoever about Shri Raj Narain. In the *Nav Bharat Times*, in the letters column, you write a letter in which you describe Shri Raj Narain as 'Ati Wadi', Extremist—'duragrahi'.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : In which paper does this appear ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : नवभारत टाइम्स में निकला है ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : कितने पत्र आपने लिखे हैं ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : मैं समझता हूं कि पिछले दिनों में 6, 7 पत्र प्रकाशित हुए हैं ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : क्या आप उन पत्रों की कापी दे सकेंगे ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : कापी नहीं है ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : कब छपा है ? उसकी डेट दे सकते हैं ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : अभी नहीं दे सकते ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : लिखकर भूल जाते हैं, उसकी कापी नहीं रखते ?

श्री अजय कुमार मिश्र : लिखकर रखता हूं इसलिये कि छपा या नहीं छपा ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : किस-किस तारीख में छपा है, अगर उसकी आपके पास कापी हो तो दे दीजिये, नहीं तो डेट्स दे दीजिये ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : मैं डेट्स बाद में लिखकर दे सकता हूँ, मुझे इस समय याद नहीं है। पिछले सप्ताह में भी छपा है और उससे पहले भी छपा है।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : आप अक्सर लिखते रहते हैं?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : जो सम्पादकीय छपते हैं, अखबारों में उनके संबंध में टिप्पणी होती है।

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : For the benefit of mine as also of Mr. Alagesan, you will please translate that.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : We shall ask questions in English. And let him answer in English. Have you written letters on Raj Narain any time ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Not particularly on him. Actually they were written on various subjects and incidentally a mention was made of Shri Raj Narain.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Did you at any time write letters on the R.S.S. ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, Sir.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Did you mention about Raj Narain in that ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, in one or two of my letters I did mention about Mr. Raj Narain. It was written on R.S.S.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : When was that letter published ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It was published in the last week in Nav Bharat Times after this incident.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Before that had you written any letter about the R.S.S. or about Raj Narain ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes. About the political situation in U.P., I have written a letter and it was published sometime in February and, even in that letter, I had made a mention of Mr. Raj Narain. In that very letter I had used these words 'atiwadi' and 'duragrahi'. Duragrahi means a person who is insistent on something bad.

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : आप क्या काम करते हैं?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : भारतीय स्टेट बैंक में प्रोवेशनरी आफिसर हूँ।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : कब से हैं ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : 1 अक्टूबर 1977 से।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : पहले क्या करते थे ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : बिजिनेस में था।

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : What business ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : My father has got two sulphatation (khandsari) plants near Meerut.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : How many brothers and sisters are you ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We are four brothers and two sisters.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : You have seen the handwriting. Do you know anybody having this type of handwriting ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Since when you are in RSS ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Since childhood.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Have you worked for Jan Sangh in the last elections ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No. But all my family members vote for Jan Sangh.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Did you offer Satyagrah during emergency ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Your brothers are younger or elder to you.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : One is elder to me and the other two are younger to me. They are associated in business with my father.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Have you a share in the business ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No. My wife has a share.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Does Mr. Om Prakash meet you quite often when he comes there ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I am posted at Moradabad. Sometimes when he comes I meet him, sometimes I do not.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Do you go to Shakas ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Not regular. Sometimes I go, sometimes I don't go.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : How many are held in Moradabad ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : 10 or 12.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Do you know the locality's name.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I don't know; I am new.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : How many go ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Round about a dozen.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Have you discussed Raj Narain's statement on RSS there ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Sometimes we do; sometimes we discuss. But the fact is that we did not consider it worth a discussion.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : You have, in your letters, mentioned this. You might have discussed with friends in Shakas . .

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : But this habit of writing is confined to myself only. I do not discuss the subjects I write with other persons.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : What did you say about U.P. ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I said U.P. was governed by a very incompetent man.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Now or earlier ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Earlier, in February when Ram Naresh Yadav was the CM, there was an Editorial in Navbharat Times. My letter was in answer to that. I wrote that by his incompetence he has driven the State into some bad state of affairs. The CM imposed ban on Shakas in U.P. at the instance of Raj Narain, who is an extremist or *atiwadi* . .

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Have you written anything after the formation of the new Government ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Have you mentioned about composition of the Cabinet ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I have written about the concept of party allegiance propounded by Mr. Banarsi Das. He says that the Jan Sangh has dual allegiance. May I say this ? They are very disciplined and they are actually the only lot which are disciplined in the country.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : What did you say about dual membership ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Mr. Banarsi Das's concept is a strange concept. On the one side he has included Muslim Majlis in his government. On the other side he is saying such things about the RSS. As we all know, BJS has completely merged with Janata.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Did you mention about Mr. Raj Narain in that ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No, Sir.

SHRI KRISHNA KANT : Or about Mr. Charan Singh ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : About Mr. Charan Singh, I have never mentioned.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : In that letter you wrote that the Muslim Majlis and the Janata Party Members are having dual membership. That means, it should be tolerated.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, Sir.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : So, a person who is an RSS can be a Janata Party member and so also the Muslim Majlis man may be...

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No. Muslim Majlis has separate entity. Muslim Majlis is a political party, whereas RSS is a non-political party.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Do you know why Mr. Raj Narain was opposed to RSS?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : As far as I can analyse, I think only after he was thrown out of the Central Cabinet at the instance of the Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister, he had started opposing RSS.

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : कल अखबार में पढ़ा था ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : 22 फरवरी के अखबार में निकला होगा।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : आपने फरवरी में पत्र लिखे होंगे जिन में राज नारायण जी का जिक्र किया होगा ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : जी हां।

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Is it before 23rd February or after that date ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I think that my letter about the political situation in U.P. was published before 23rd February. But I cannot say for certain the exact date. I think it should be before 23rd February.

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : राजनारायण जी कहते हैं कि आर०एस०एस० पोलिटिकल पार्टी है। यह आपने भी पढ़ा होगा ? इसके बारे में आपने क्या लिखा है और आपकी राय क्या है ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : संघ में राजनीति का प्रवेश नहीं है। संघ तो शाखायें लगाता है और कुछ शारीरिक और बौद्धिक कार्यक्रम करता है।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : यह जो चैरिटेबल ट्रस्ट के रूप में इसको रजिस्टर करने की बात कही गई थी उसके बारे में भी आपने कोई पत्र एडिटर को लिखे होंगे ?

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : बम्बई में यह कहा गया था कि इसको रिलिजस चैरिटी ट्रस्ट के रूप में एनरोल होना चाहिए। इसके जवाब में यह कहा गया था कि यह एक सांस्कृतिक संस्था है और देश भक्त निर्माण करने का काम करती है। उसके कुछ काम राजनीति सदृश लग सकते हैं लेकिन नहीं। इस वास्ते इसको चैरिटेबल ट्रस्ट के रूप में रजिस्टर करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है।

श्री कृष्ण कान्त : आपने कोई पत्र भी लिखा होगा ।

श्री अजय कुमार मित्तल : जी नहीं ।

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Are you sure that this letter was not written by you ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Hundred per cent sure.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : For how many years have you been writing letters to various newspapers about current affairs ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Almost a decade.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Do you write on an average one letter a week ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : During emergency, I did not write even a single letter, but before and after emergency, I have been writing a letter say every fortnight.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Do your letters get published invariably ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Only 50% of them.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : You and your family have been in RSS and you always voted for Jan Sangh.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, Sir.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Would you be correct to say that RSS and Jan Sangh are inseparably connected with one another ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : They can be separated, but they have to be connected also because no other political party was ready to welcome the RSS men in its fold; it was only BJS, which did it.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : You joined RSS at the age of seven. Who took you there ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Probably, it was my cousin.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What were you doing at that time ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We used to pray and sing songs.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : At what age— did you start participating in 'Boudhik' ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : When I was 12-13 years and studying in eighth or ninth class.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What exactly is the 'Boudhik' ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It is a kind of lecture by anybody.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What subjects do you discuss ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Anything pertaining to our country and its problems.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Is RSS ideology positive or negative ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It is positive.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Do you stand for something ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, Sir.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What are those ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We stand for a great, powerful and strong nation.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What are the points you are against ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We are against traitors, treachery etc.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What methods do you adopt for getting rid of traitors ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We have got a method. We call it 'lok sampark'. We go to persons and talk to them personally ; and we bring them to our programmes, to our 'shakaas' and try to change them.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : And if you cannot change them ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : So what ? We try it on some other persons.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : If you cannot change a particular person, and if you think he is a traitor how do you change him ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We think that every person is a potential RSS-person. If he does not understand today, he will understand tomorrow.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Can a person like Mr. Raj Narain also be persuaded ?

AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, certainly.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : What is your argument ? I would like to follow it. You are saying that you are against traitors. You also say that you will persuade them.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Only by persuasion can we try. What else can we do ? It is for the Government to see, if a person is harming the nation, that he is booked and punished.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : You said you have been writing letters ; but you never wrote letters about Mr. Raj Narain as such, although you have mentioned his name in the letters.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes. Probably in some letters, I had criticized Mr. Raj Narain.

PROF P. G. MAVALANKAR : Forget the letters, and Mr. Raj Narain as such as an individual. Suppose you find that some people in India are either not members of the RSS, or they do not go to the 'shakaas' or accept its ideology, what kind of attitude you will have towards them ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Institutionally, I do not like those persons, but I think they can be changed.

PROF P. G. MAVALANKAR : It is right. What is your attitude ? Do you tolerate them, or would you see that they are somehow dealt with ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : We are actually tolerant. We will certainly welcome them.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Suppose you see, according to your opinion, that a man is a traitor to the nation. Do you intend to go to the extent of exterminating him ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Never, Sir, I am a very feeble-hearted person.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am talking about the organization. If it finds a person to be a traitor, would it go to the extent of eliminating him physically ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It is not for me, or for the RSS to do anything. It is for the Government to see that the man is booked.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Since which year have you been a member of RSS ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It should be from the year 1960, probably. I was then eight years old.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : What is your education ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I am an M.Sc. in Physics.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : When was this RSS started ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It was started in 1925.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Our country became free in 1947. What was the part played by the RSS in the freedom movement of our country.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : In the movement that we call freedom movement, RSS as an organization as such did not participate. But the fact is that RSS people, individually, went to jails. They did offer satyagraha. And even the RSS founder was jailed for some years.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : For what ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : In 1921 when he delivered a very seditious speech. In 1930, in Gandhian Movement, the RSS's founder went to jail with many of his colleagues.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : RSS as such did not take part in the freedom movement.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It is like an institution in which patriotism is inculcated in its members.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is essentially a cultural and social organization.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : RSS as such did not take part in the freedom movement. Am I right ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : RSS concentrates itself upon its work in shakhaas where people are inculcated patriotism and learn to sacrifice for the nation.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : When our country was under foreign rule, was it not patriotism to see that foreign rule was removed from the land ? Was such a teaching part of the RSS programme ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : But RSS itself did not take part in the freedom movement.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : RSS aided the freedom movement. There was a great revolutionary from Maharashtra who was given shelter by one of our Sarsanghchalaks in Maharashtra. Similarly, other revolutionaries continued to find shelter with RSS people.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Do you mean to say that they believed in non-violence and not even in Gandhian movement ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Even after founding RSS, its founder remained the Secretary of the Madhya Bharat Congress Committee.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : How many people are connected with RSS who are actually associated with RSS ? How many people would have gone to jail during the freedom movement ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I do not have any figure. Probably many would have gone to jail.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : The whole approach of the Congress in fighting the Britishers was questioned and it was said that Congress was the agent of the Britishers.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : That way, we have criticised even the revolutionaries.

MR. CHAIRMAN : We are not very much interested in your ideological objective.

One relevant point was asked whether RSS was interested in violent activities.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No, Sir ; RSS is interested in constructive activities.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Who assassinated Mahatma Gandhi ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Godse.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Was he not connected with RSS ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : No ; he was connected with Hindu Maha Sabha.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Was he ever connected with RSS ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Never. Mahatma Gandhi is a great man and he is mentioned in our prayers also.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Do you follow Mahatma Gandhi's teachings or you simply consider him as a great man ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I do like some of his economic ideas pertaining to decentralisation and all that.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Are you an active worker of the RSS or an office bearer of the RSS ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I am at present not an office bearer but before the Emergency I was an office bearer in Meerut, Boudhik Pramukh in charge of ideological education.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Do you think that Raj Narain's presence in the Cabinet was a disgrace to the Cabinet ? I am asking your views.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, I do think so.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : You also believed that as he was expelled, he was asked to resign from the Cabinet—you perhaps felt that Raj Narain had a grievance against the Jan Sangh and therefore he was carrying on a campaign against RSS. Is that your view ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : You are looking forward to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee becoming Prime Minister of India in due course of time ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Not now ; but if he becomes, I will welcome it because he is a good man.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : According to you he has a good chance to become the Prime Minister of India ? Nothing wrong in that.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : At present, thinking realistically, he has got no chance to become the Prime Minister. But in the future, it may come about.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Do you believe that Raj Narain is in league with Shrimati Indira Gandhi ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I read the news that he had met Mr. Sanjay Gandhi. I am in two minds.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Your condition of mind, you should know. I am asking a specific question : do you think that he is in league with Mrs. Indira Gandhi at present ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : As far as the opposition to the RSS is concerned and campaign is concerned, he is in league with Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Do you think that Shri Raj Narain is a man without integrity ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : About his integrity I cannot say. If you permit me to use a word...

Well, may be or may not be. About his integrity I cannot say anything.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : So, he is a man of integrity ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I cannot say either way. I am not in the know of such things.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Is he a man of principles, if not a man of integrity ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Certainly, he is not a man of principles.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Do you think that he won his last election with the help of CIA ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It is all bunkum.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Is it because of the help of CIA ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : It was a Janata wave that took him to victory.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Do you think that he was helped by the CIA ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I do not think so.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Have you read this letter which purports to bear your signatures ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I saw it in the 'Sun' Weekly which is from New Delhi. It published a photostat copy in March 10, issue.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : So, you have seen it.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, Sir.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Would it be correct to say that you share some of the views raised about Shri Raj Narain in that letter.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Well, I do not remember the letter now.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : I have asked you all these questions. These are the statements made therein about Shri Raj Narain. I was asking you those questions.

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : Yes, only some of these.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Can you suggest why some one should have forged your signature ? According to you, it is a forgery. You have not signed it. Can you suggest why any person should forge your signature and send such a letter ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : There can be two motives behind this action—

1. The first is to cause me embarrassment.
2. The other one is to malign or give a bad name to the RSS.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Could you be a little frank ? Who tried to forge your signatures ? Have you anything to suggest ? Do you have doubt about any person ?

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MITTAL : I cannot say.

(Witness then withdrew)

Friday, the 18th May, 1979

PRESENT

Professor Samar Guha—Chairman

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Shri M. P. Gupta—Senior Table Officer.

WITNESS

Shri S. L. Mukhi, Senior Scientific Officer (Documents)-Cum-Asstt.
Chemical Examiner to the Government of India

(The Committee met at 16.30 hours)

Evidence of Shri S. L. Mukhi

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mukhi, I welcome you to the Committee. The evidence that you will give before the Committee is to be treated as confidential till the Report of the Committee is submitted to the House.

You may please take the oath now.

(Shri Mukhi then took the oath)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mukhi, you have seen the specimen writings signed by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal and also the letter written in his name and containing a signature. Did you examine them ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : Yes. I have examined the documents submitted to our laboratory. There was one threatening letter as well as two other, one bearing the signature of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal on cyclostyled one, also bearing the writings and signature of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal on an envelope, along with the specimen writings of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is your finding ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : After examining these documents with the help of scientific aids, I have arrived at the following conclusions. The first one is that the handwriting evidence points to the writer of specimen writings marked S1 and S2 being the person responsible for writing the questioned writings marked Q3 and Q4. That is, the two letters bear the signatures of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal—one cyclostyled letter as well as an envelope.

The second opinion I have given is that the questioned writings marked Q1 and Q2 could not be connected with the specimen writings marked S1 and S2.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Please tell us about your experience as a handwriting expert.

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : I joined this Laboratory as a Senior Scientific Officer (Documents) in 1972. Till today, I have examined more than 700 cases and have appeared before more than 300 courts as an expert.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : In the 300 and odd courts before which you have appeared, in how many cases was your opinion accepted ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : I am yet to know even about a single case because they are not passing the judgment to us. I believe in most cases our opinions are being accepted because, if there is something wrong and they pass a stricture against us, that should be conveyed to us.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : So far you have not received any stricture ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : So far I have not.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Did you send us your opinion in writing ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : Yes, I have submitted my report.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Your opinion, giving the grounds ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : Yes, giving my grounds.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Please see the original and tell us whether that is the one you sent us and whether the signature therein is yours.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It will be shown to you.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : It will be shown to you : please go through it and please tell us whether that report and the signature are yours.

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : Whatsoever I have mentioned in the Report is correct. This is the copy of my report I had submitted. As regards my qualifications I may only mention that I am M.Sc. as well as a co-author of a Paper which has been recently published in a journal published from the Netherlands called 'International Forensic Science'.

SHRI NARENDRA P. NATHWANI : Have you got a copy of the Article ?

SHRI S. L. MUKHI : Yes, I have got a copy of the same and the same I give to the Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Thank you very much. Now, you may withdraw.

(At this stage the witness withdrew)

APPENDICES

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- V. Copy of letter dt. 11-4-1979 from Prof. Samar Guha, Chairman, Committee of Privileges to the Speaker, Lok Sabha
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Photostat copy of letter, dt. 23.2.79
addressed to Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

97 रायपुर, मेरठ (उ.प्र.)

23-2-79

श्रीमान जी,

काल आपका मेरा पत्र का क्रियापत्र आता है एक
नया मोर्चा राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के विरुद्ध
कोलकाता जा रहे हैं जिसके कुछ लोग शामिल होंगे,
तो आता है ! उसका काल आप आता है. एस. एस. के
जैसे उनके चोरे हाथ चोरे कर पड़ गये हैं ?
क्या इसलिये कि आप आता है की केन्द्रीय मंत्री
मंडल से निकाल दिया गया है आप आता है यही
समझते होंगे कि आपने निकालने के राष्ट्रीय
स्वयंसेवक संघ का हाथ है !

जो भी हो, आप जैसे मंदार को केन्द्रीय
मंत्रीमंडल के बने रहने से अच्छा अपना ईश्वर
जो ने कदनामी होती. वही देश की भी मंदार होती
और कदनामी होती !

अब मैं आप को इस पत्र द्वारा यह सूचित
कर रहा हूँ कि अब तक तो आप आता है
R.S.S. के विरुद्ध जो कुछ भी प्रचार किया,
वही है. आप के काम उपरान्त आप आता है
न कभी भी R.S.S. के विषय में मंदार रहेगी
तो आता है भी अपना संघ के लिए मंदार
करती जाएगी !

मैं एक R.S.S. का एक कार्यकर्ता हूँ
हूँ. कभी कदनामी हूँ ! इसका संघ को
विरुद्ध एक मंदार के लिए संघ है. इसका
संघाचारिक एवं सामाजिक संस्था है. इसका

रोला हमारे सर संचे चालक भी देवराज जीने
मने को प्रसन्न पर मने को बार बोधण की है।

प्राप्त रामक इमालि भी २५५. से २५५
कोन होके कि प्रक इस दुर्ग के रम्यापद
हमारा ही भी प्रदल निहारि वागवर्ष प्रचारि
मं ग्री बनने बल है। तब तो तुम्हारे जैसे
जीव्य व्यक्तिका इस पावित्र आदत शरीर से
विनाश ही कला होगी।

तुम शिरो गोंची से सांठ-गोठ डिछे
हुए हो। तुम्हारा मा कोल शिवा ही है,
सारी कोश धर ही। ये पैदी के लोटे हो।
सोना-चांद है। मे बदाकिदनी-के लोटे
अधिका करके जित दिया। बिल्ली के गों
झीका दूट गया। नरना तुम जैसे आदिवासी
को कोन पूजा है इस मंग ०/२

तुम जिस मोराम बग का दगुमात बसे थे
ममने ही नसी रहे पता नही तुम अपने काम
की ज्योलाद गो नो किनही १ इसमें आगुके
तो सारे ड है।

मे किनी ज्ञान-पा। ज्ञान की कोटी
प्राप्त था। लेकिन तुम दुर्गम से ज्ञान-प्रदीप
की कोटी पर गिर डूटे कल है। इन्हा रामायण पर
की नसी था मला नसी दो-दो हाथ रोज

आज्य कुमार मिहल

APPENDIX II

(See para 13 of the Report)

Photostat copy of letter, dated 4.3.1979
addressed to the Speaker, Lok Sabha by
Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal.

प्रेषक-

४ मार्च, १९७९

अजय कुमार मिश्र,
१७, छन्दक, मेरठ २०० १००

सेवा में,

श्री के. एस. हेगडे,
अध्यक्ष, लोकसभा,
नई दिल्ली ।

मान्यवर महोदय,

अभी कुछ दिन पूर्व संसद सदस्य श्री राजनारायण के विरुद्ध धमक भरा एक पत्र श्री मनीराम बागडी ने लोकसभा में पेश किया था। जिसे बाद में सदन की विशेषाधिकार समिति को सौंप दिया गया। इसके सम्बन्ध में समाचार आकाशवाणी से प्रसारित हुआ है और अखबारों ने भी छापा है।

मुझे यह जानकारी मिली है कि उक्त पत्र मेरे नाम से लिखा गया है। मैं आपको सूचित करना चाहता हूं कि मेरा इस पत्र से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है और मैं नेयक पत्र नहीं लिखा। मेरा विचार है कि मुझे देश रखने वाले किसी व्यक्ति ने मुझे परेशान करने की नीयत से यह षड़यन्त्र किया है। मेरा विनम्र निवेदन है कि इस बारे में जांच कराकर वास्तविक दोषी का पता लगाया जाये। अपनी ओर से किसी भी जांच के लिये मैं सदा सहयोग देने को तत्पर हूं।

सधन्यवाद आपका,

अजय कुमार मिश्र

॥ अजय कुमार मिश्र ॥

APPENDIX III

(See para 14 of the Report)

Photostat copy of the specimen
signatures of Shri Ajay Kumar
Mittal. —

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APPENDIX IV

(See para 14 of the Report)

Photostat copy of the specimen
handwriting of Sh. Ajay Kumar
Mittal.

कल अखबारों में पढ़ा था कि आप यहाँ रुक
नया मोर्चा राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के विरुद्ध
खोलते जा रहे हैं। जिसमें कुछ लोग शामिल होंगे।
तो जनाब आधकल आप R.S. के पीछे इतने क्यों
हाथ धोकर पड़ गये हैं। क्या इसलिए कि आप
जनाब को केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल से निकाल दिया गया
है। आप शायद यही समझते होंगे कि आपके
निकालने में राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ का हाथ है।

जी जी तो आप बेसुध ग़रीबों के, केन्द्रीय
मंत्रिमंडल में काम करने से जहाँ जनाब के नेताओं
की बदनामी होती नहीं देश की रीति रीवाजों
को बर्दनाश होती।

अजय कुमार मिश्र

APPENDIX V

(See para 14 of the Report)

Copy of letter dt. 11-4-1979 from Prof. Samar Guha, Chairman, Committee of Privileges to the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

No. 18/2/CI/79

CONFIDENTIAL

Prof. Samar Guha,
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

147, Parliament House,
New Delhi 11th April, 1979

SUBJECT : Question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P. re: alleged threat to murder of Shri Raj Narain, M.P., contained in a letter received by the latter.

Dear Hon'ble Speaker,

On the 1st March, 1979, when Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P., sought to raise the above question of privilege in the House the matter was referred by you to the Committee of Privileges.

2. The Committee of Privileges at their sitting held on the 9th April 1979, while considering this matter felt that as this matter related to a threat to the life of a member of the House, Shri Raj Narain you might be requested to consider the question of taking up the matter with the Minister of Home Affairs to provide for immediate suitable security arrangements for Shri Raj Narain, M.P.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(Samar Guha)

Hon'ble Justice K. S. Hegde,
Speaker,
Lok Sabha
NEW DELHI.

APPENDIX VI

• (See para 14 of the Report)

Copy of letter, dt. 17-4-1979 from the Speaker, Lok Sabha to the Minister of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

**MOST IMMEDIATE
CONFIDENTIAL**

D.O.No.18/2/CI/79

17th April, 1979.

Dear Shri Patel,

On the 1st March, 1979, when Shri Mani Ram Bagri, M.P., sought to raise a question of privilege in the House regarding alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, M.P., contained in a letter (Appendix) received by the latter, I referred the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

The Committee of Privileges at their sitting held on the 9th April, 1979, felt that as this matter related to a threat to the life of a member of the House (Shri Raj Narain), you might be requested to make suitable security arrangements for the member.

I would request you to kindly take necessary action in the matter and inform us.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(K. S. Hegde)

Shri H. M. Patel,
Minister of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

APPENDIX VII

(See para 14 of the Report)

Copy of letter dt. 18-5-1979 from the Home Minister, Govt. of India to the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

D.O.No.VI.23014/31/78-GPA III

HOME MINISTER INDIA

New Delhi, 110001

May 18, 1979.

Dear Shri Hegde,

Kindly refer to your d.o. letter No.18/2/CI/79 dated the 17th April, 1979 regarding alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, M.P., contained in a letter received by him and the feelings expressed by the Committee of Privileges.

2. Shri Raj Narain has been provided necessary protection by the Delhi Police and the State CID have also been informed to make suitable unobtrusive arrangements whenever he visits their areas.

3. Enquiries into the authenticity of the writer of the letter are in progress.

4. It is proposed to review the security arrangements from time to time.

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

(H. M. Patel)

**Shri K. S. Hegde,
Speaker,
Lok Sabha,
20, Akbar Road,
NEW DELHI.**

APPENDIX VIII

(See para 15 of the Report)

Copy of written opinion of the Handwriting Expert

Report No.CFSL-79/D-1576

Central Forensic Science Laboratory
New Delhi-22

Dated : 15th May, 1979.

Report by : S.L. Mukhi, M.Sc. Senior Scientific Officer (Documents)

Material submitted for examination by Shri S.S. Auhlwalia Director(G), Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block New Delhi vide his D.O. Letter No. VI 23014/22/79-GPA.III dated 4th May, 1979.

The documents of this case have been carefully examined with scientific aids and the following opinions have been arrived at :—

Results of Examination.

1. Handwriting evidence points to the writer of specimen writings marked S1 and S2 being the person responsible for writing the questioned writings marked Q3 and Q4 due to the following reasons.

The questioned writings are written freely showing smooth line quality and natural variations. Qualities of imitation are not present in them. The specimen writings are also written freely showing smooth line quality and natural variations and are suitable for the purpose of comparison with the questioned writings.

Both the questioned and the specimen writings agree in general characteristics such as movement, spacing, slant, alignment, relative size and proportion of letters etc. The skill and the line quality of the questioned writings is also found consistent with these qualities of the specimen writings.

Both the questioned and the specimen writings also agree in individual characteristics. Some of the points of similarity are described below :—

- (i) Manner of execution of the Hindi capital letter *As* with the nature of its Start, formation of its body curve, formation of a loop at the finish of the body curve, its combination to the vertical staff as observed in the questioned writings is similarly observed in the specimen writings.
- (ii) Manner of execution of Hindi letter *Ja* with the nature of loop formation at the start of the body, formation of its body as well as its relative position as observed in the word *Ajay* in the questioned writings is similarly observed in the same word in the specimen writings.
- (iii) Manner of execution of the Hindi letter *Ya* with the nature of its start in continuation of the foot of the staff of the preceeding letter *Ja*, formation of its peculiar body as well as its finish towards body, staff as well as finish to right as observed in the word *Ajay* in Q3 is similarly observed in the same words in S1 and S2. The other variety of this letter with the nature of formation of its body, retrace in the upper of the vertical staff as observed in the word *Ajay* and *Adhayaksh* in Q4 is similarly observed in the word *Yahin*, *Kendri* in S2 etc.

- (iv) Manner of execution of the Hindi letter *Ka* with the nature of formation of its left hand body oval, retrace in the upper portion of the staff, formation of right hand body in continuation of the foot of the staff as well as its connection to the matra *u* and finish as observed in the word *Kumar* in the questioned writings marked Q3 and Q4 is similarly observed in the same word in S1 and S2. The other variety of this letter is also similarly observed in both questioned and the specimen writings.
- (v) Manner of execution of Hindi letter *Ma* with the nature of start, formation of a loop at the base of left hand staff, formation of horizontal stroke, right hand staff as observed in the questioned writings is similarly observed in the specimen writings.
- (vi) Manner of execution of Hindi letter *Ra* with the nature of start in continuation of the foot of the vertical staff of the preceding letter, simplification of its body and finish as observed in the questioned writings is similarly observed in the specimen writings.
- (vii) Similar manner of execution of the Hindi letter *Ta* with the nature of formation of its body in continuation of the staff.
- (viii) Similar manner of execution of Hindi letters *La, Sa, Da, Tha, Ee, Na, Daa* etc.
- (ix) Manner of execution of the Hindi letter *La* with the nature of its start in continuation of the horizontal stroke written over the Hindi letter *Ta* as observed in the word *Mittal* in Q3 is similarly not observed in the specimen writings. This variation is due to the degree of care given to the act of writing.
- (x) Similar habit of writing the Hindi matras *a, e* etc.
- (xi) Similar habit of writing the words *Ajay Kumar Mittal*.

Cumulative considerations of the aforesaid points of similarity observed between the questioned and the specimen writing in general and individual characteristics, constitute the basis for my opinion.

11. The questioned writings marked Q1 and Q2 could not be connected with the specimen writings marked S1 and S2 due to the following reasons :

The questioned writings disagree with the specimen writings in both general and individual characteristics. Some of the points of difference are described below :

- (i) Manner of execution of the Hindi letter *Ka* with the nature of formation of its left hand side body oval and direction of finish as observed in the word *Kal, Kuch, Kar, Kabhi* etc. in Q1, *Uskey, Khundak, Chalak* etc. in Q2 is not similarly observed in the words *Kal, Kuch, Kendri Kee, Dhokar* etc. in S2.
- (ii) Manner of execution of the letter *Ba* with the nature of its start, location of body oval with respect of its staff as observed in the words *Janab, Jaban* etc. in Q1; *Bidkismari, Billee, Badnami*, etc. in Q2 is not similarly observed in the words *Akhbaren, Janab, Badnami* in S2.
- (iii) The movement of the left hand side body curve of the letter *So* is also not similarly observed between them.
- (iv) The formation of upward bending curve at the top of the letter *Na* as observed in the questioned writings is not similarly observed in the specimen writings.
- (v) The location of body curve with respect to the staff of the letter *Ja* is also not similarly observed in the word *Janab* etc. between them.

- (vi) Manner of execution of the letter *Ha* with the nature of its start and formation of its body in two operations as observed in the words *Vahan, Mahan, Hani, Hath* etc. in S2 is not similarly observed in the words *Yahin, Hath, Hoti, Hamara* etc. in Q1; *Bihari, Hath, Hamare* etc. in Q2 is also observed in the manner of execution of the letters *Ma, Ga, La, Na, Bha, Ba, Ka* etc. between them.
- (vii) Difference is also observed in the habit of writing the words *Akhbaron, Padha, Tha, Ek, Morcha, Nava, Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh, Hath, Janab, Dhokar, Hain, eslive, Nikal, Madari, Mantri Mandal, Badnami* etc.
- (viii) Difference is also observed in the habit of writing the top horizontal bars and vowel signs in the signatures.
- (ix) The questioned Hindi signature reading *Ajay Kumar Mittal* appearing in Q2 also disagree with the specimen signatures appearing in S1 and S2 in detailed manner of execution of strokes such as body curve formation of the letter *Aa*, simplification of the body of the letter *Ja*; movement of the body curve of the letter *Ya*; upward bending curve formation in the middle horizontal stroke of the letter *Ma*; location of the body of the letter *Ta* with respect to its staff; movement of the body oval of the letter *La* as well as start of the letter *La* and formation of its body.

Cumulative considerations of the aforesaid points of differences observed between the questioned and the specimen writings in general and individual characteristics, constitute the basis for my opinion.

Sd/-

(S. L. MUKHI)

Senior Scientific Officer

(Documents)

Cum-Asstt. Chemical Examiner
to the Government of India.

APPENDIX IX

(See para 15 of the Report)

Copy of the Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. dt. 16-5-1979.

MOST IMMEDIATE
By Special
Messenger

No. VI.23014/22/79.GPA.III

Government of India

Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi-110001, the 16th May, 1979

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:—Question of privilege raised by Shri Mani Ram Bagri, MP, regarding alleged threat to murder Shri Raj Narain, MP, contained in a letter received by the latter.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Lok Sabha Secretariat O.M. No.18/2/CI/79 dated 14th May, 1979 on the subject mentioned above and to say that a copy of the report of the handwriting expert in respect of the following documents sent by the Lok Sabha Secretariat is sent herewith :—

- (i) Letter dated 23-2-1979, purported to have been sent by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97-Khandak, Meerut (U.P.) to Shri Raj Narain, MP, containing a threat to murder the latter;
- (ii) Letter dated 4-3-1979, addressed by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, 97-Khandak, Meerut, to the Speaker, Lok Sabha;
- (iii) Specimen signatures of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal, in Hindi; and
- (iv) Specimen of handwriting in Hindi of Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal.

2. The documents mentioned above are also returned herewith in original, as desired.

3. As for the investigations made with regard to the threatening letter alleged to have been written by Shri Ajay Kumar Mittal to Shri Raj Narain, the inquiries made in the matter did not confirm that Shri Mittal had sent any such letter to Shri Raj Narain.

Sd/-
(S. S. AHULWALIA)
Director
T. No. 372478

The Lok Sabha Secretariat
(Shri M.P. Gupta, Senior
Legislative Committee Officer),
Parliament House, New Delhi-110001.

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