

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government to the recent spate of attacks on the Christian minority communities in this country. There have been attacks in Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and in various other States.

Sir, in Kerala, the sisters belonging to the Missionaries of Charity at Olavanna in Kozhikode were very brutally attacked. Sir, in Alleppy, in a place called Budhanoor, the students belonging to the Believers' Church Group, while they were going to visit the workers in a local quarry, were very brutally attacked. They were taken to the local RSS *karyalaya* and severely beaten up.

There have been attacks at several other places also. There has been an attack on Christians at Amaravati. Pastor Narayanan has been murdered in Mysore. Pastor Gilbert has been killed in Orissa. There have been forced conversions. An entire village of Christians has been forcibly converted in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State. There have been murderous attacks in Kota. . (*Interruptions*)

**श्री मोहन रावले (मुम्बई दक्षिण-मध्य) :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन्होंने महाराष्ट्र का नाम लिया है. (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: He is entitled to speak.

. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Sir, this is most unfortunate. This is a democratic country. . (*Interruptions*)

**श्री मोहन रावले :** ईसाई मिशनरी धम परिवर्तन कर रहे हैं. (व्यवधान)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : It is a democratic right. This is a democracy. Every Indian has got his own right to follow his own faith.

MR. SPEAKER: He is an hon. Member of this House. He has got a right to speak if it is not unparliamentary.

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MR. SPEAKER: He has mentioned the names of many States.

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SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Anybody attacking the faith of others should be squarely suppressed. I request the Union Government to direct all the States to take adequate protective measures to protect the minorities in this country.