

12.01 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER
Interruptions in the Proceedings
of the House

Title: Statement regarding interruption in the proceedings of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. I have received a notice from the Leader of the House, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. He wants to make a statement, and I permit him to do so.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Only Shri Pranab Mukherjee's statement should be recorded.

(Interruptions)* â€

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Hon. Speaker, Sir, in the morning while you started making an observation on the issues of our nationals being held as hostage in Iraq, the grave flood and drought situations in the country and on issues relating to the internal security, a section of the Opposition benches, specially the BJP Members started shouting and obstructing your observation....(Interruptions)

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(At this stage, Shri Sushil Kumar Modi and some other Hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table)

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Some Opposition Members went to the extent of saying, instead of sermonising, the Speaker should allow the Leader of the Opposition to speak first. This is an unprecedented incident in the House that the Speaker of the House was not allowed to complete his observation. ...(Interruptions) There are no words to condemn this type of behaviour. When the Speaker is the custodian of the rights, privileges, dignity of the House, to prevent him from discharging his duties is a gross disrespect to the Chair and the House. ...(Interruptions)

*Not Recorded

We strongly condemn this behaviour of a section of the Opposition Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.
