

Title: Alleged violation of democratic rights and arrest of former Prime Minister of Nepal by the Nepal Government.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGHLY): Sir, what happened yesterday is the re-arrest of the former Prime Minister of Nepal along with at least six other eminent political personalities. Instead of restoration of democracy there, as assured by Raja Gyanendra on the sidelines of Jakarta, as reported by the hon. Prime Minister of India, it seems that it is going in the reverse direction. We, in India, particularly this House, cannot be silent spectators to the developments. We had all along been demanding from our side that arms supply should not have been resumed. But, we were explained that on the sidelines of the Jakarta deliberations, Raja Gyanendra had given the assurance that he is moving towards that. But yesterday's happenings are ominous; signs are there. It seems the situation is worsening. I would urge upon the Government to apprise this House about the latest developments and the position taken by the Government as regards resumption of arms supply in the backdrop of what is happening and what has happened yesterday. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Radhakrishnan to associate. You have put two matters this week.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): No, I have to add one more ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: By association, you can do so.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN: It is because the military assistance was offered at the time when the Afro-Asian Conference was being held at Jakarta. Now, the question is the former Prime Minister of Nepal was arrested and ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You know that he has mentioned it.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN: My question is this. The Government of India is supplying arms with a view to counter the Maoist insurgency, but that should not be dealt with according to military assistance. It has to be dealt with politically. So, until and unless...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you Shri Radhakrishnan. Shri Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy. Speak for one minute, please.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : So, until and unless the Government takes its own stand, it will go on like this. So, I would request the Government of India to see that normalcy is restored and democracy and elected Government is put in Nepal. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, very much. Only Shri Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy's statement would be recorded. Please be brief.

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