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Title : Regarding gang-rape in the National capital.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): The life in the national Capital has become a nightmare, particularly for the women. It is reported in today's *The Hindustan Times* that 16-year old girl was gang raped in a blue line bus. It is also reported that in the year 2004, the reported the number of cases of rape was 551. This year, even though we have passed only seven months, it has risen to 400 rapes in the city. Not only that, in this page, you will also see that a number of cases have been reported in Delhi. We represent the largest democracy in the world[R20].

We also claim that we are the representatives of a sacred human civilisation. Now, all of us should bow our head of shame of these heinous crimes being committed in the national Capital. Yesterday, our Prime Minister was bound to bow his head, but today, we will have to bow our head before the whole nation for the repeated commission of such heinous offences.

The city police have claimed that they have taken precautionary steps, but nothing has been done, and nothing would be done to prevent such heinous crimes. It has become very difficult for the young girls to travel in the night in the national Capital. Where do we proceed? What are we doing now? Now, our future generation would find it painful.

So, I would request the hon. Home Minister to see that such things do not recur in the national Capital. We come here, our girls also come here; and what is the guarantee that they will reach their respective homes if this is the situation available in the national Capital?

MR. SPEAKER: You have very effectively raised it. Thank you.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, it is a shameful thing, and it must be put an end to. The police should take preventive steps, precautionary steps. Otherwise, it will be very difficult to continue our normal life in the national Capital.

MR. SPEAKER: You have very effectively raised this. You have just mentioned the matter. No speech is required. It is enough.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Mr. Hansraj Ahir.

SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH (ALLAHABAD): Sir, please allow me to speak.

MR. SPEAKER: You may also associate yourself with what he has said.

SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH : I am not on that point. I am on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, there is no point of order during the Special Mentions. You are a senior Member, and you know this. Please take your seat.