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Title : Reported statement made by USA on Russia's decision to supply Uranium to India.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (PANSKURA): Sir, India has entered into an agreement recently with the United States on the supply of nuclear fuel equipment and technology[R65].

I am not going into that. This House has discussed it. We have our views. The Government have their views. But, I am raising a question. What is the aftermath of it? What has happened after that? After that, India has recently entered into an agreement with the Government of Russia. When it was being discussed, suddenly a statement came from some officials representing the Government at Washington saying that India cannot enter into an agreement with Russia without fulfilling, in full, the obligations under the agreement. This is the statement that has come. Of course, there has been a rejoinder from the Government of India. A very mild rejoinder has been there. But that is not the issue.

The point is what India should do or should not do, whether India should enter into an agreement with Russia or not, that is none of the business of the Government of America. I feel, as a Member of Parliament, humiliated because this browbeating, if I may use a mild word ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Why should you feel humiliated? This country is second to none in upholding its sovereignty.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, I agree with you. But I have a right to express my feelings.

MR. SPEAKER : Certainly.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : My question is this. Why such a situation has been created in India? Earlier, it was not like this. Why such a situation has been created in India where a junior official can say openly, publicly and the Government of India has to retort? I take it as an act of browbeating by the Government at Washington. Our Government should take a little more note than what it has taken.

Secondly, what is the aftermath? A Bill has been introduced in American Parliament to implement the agreement. While introducing the Bill in both the Houses, speeches have been made that there should be unspecified restrictions on Government of India. This is what is going on. This is an act of total interference and Government of India should take note. I am sorry to say. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA (GUNA): This is what they are saying in their House. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Mr. Scindia, this is what they are saying. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): How can we regulate what is being discussed there in their House? ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I am not regulating. ...*(Interruptions)* Shri Mistry should know this is a sovereign House. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You should not take note of any howlers there.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, an hon. 'would-be Minister' feels unnecessarily embarrassed. ...*(Interruptions)* As a sovereign House we have every right to reflect on what is going on there. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You have given your view.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, I have one more point. I wish that the Government of India should take a little more firm step than what it is doing. While saying so, I am only requesting the Government to re-examine its power production through nuclear process. I want the Government to re-examine it.

MR. SPEAKER : Thank you. Shri Ramji Lal Suman to speak now.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, I have just two-three sentences to speak.

MR. SPEAKER : It cannot be a debate.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I want the Government to re-examine it because France is having the largest capacity of producing power through nuclear process and even there it is six per cent.

MR. SPEAKER : I was told by the Minister of France that it is 85 per cent nuclear power there.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : No, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : I was told by the Minister.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I am saying no. But, my point is even if it is 85 per cent, it is high cost, absolutely a high cost.

MR. SPEAKER : You cannot have a debate on this now.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I am not debating. I am only saying one point. With much less expenditure to incur, we can develop our hydel power production. Then, why are we going in for high cost of atomic power generation?

MR. SPEAKER : This is much beyond your notice.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Is it because India should come closer to America? Is it with that pretext?

MR. SPEAKER : Thank you. Shri Ramji Lal Suman to speak now.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, my last point is I feel this is political economics and not economics. The Government's decision to go for nuclear power generation is not backed up by economic consideration. It is backed up by political consideration.

MR. SPEAKER : This is not your notice. That matter has been debated. Please take your seat.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : I humbly request the Government to re-examine the matter and take into consideration the question of exploiting the cheap hydel power potential of our country. ...(Interruptions[[krr66](#)])

MR. SPEAKER: This is not a debate on power policy in the country. These matters have been discussed.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, I am not debating. I am only saying that the Government is indulging in politicking in power generation. ...(Interruptions)