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Title: Regarding use of derogatory words by Shri Gurudas Dasgupta against Leader of Opposition, Shri L. K. Advani.

श्री हरिन पाठक (अहमदाबाद): अध्यक्ष जी, हमारे सारे सदस्य बहुत दुःखी हैं। इस सदन में, जिस तरह से दासगुप्त जी ने, इस सदन की सभी मर्यादाओं का उल्लंघन करके जो बात कही है...(व्यवधान)आज तक इस सदन के इतिहास में ऐसा नहीं हुआ है... (व्यवधान)

श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव (झंझारपुर): हमें भी ... (व्यवधान)

श्री हरिन पाठक : प्लीज, हमारी भावनाओं का सवाल है, हम आपकी इज्जत करते हैं। ...(व्यवधान) हमारी तरफ से कभी भी किसी नेता के प्रति ऐसे * ... शब्दों का प्रयोग नहीं किया गया है। ये निंदनीय शब्द उन्होंने इस्तेमाल किये हैं। पूरे सदन को इसकी भर्त्सना करनी चाहिए। आज अगर एक को छूट मिलेगी तो कल को यहां कोई और बोलेगा। किसी भी व्यक्ति के बारे में बोला जाएगा, माननीय सदस्य के बारे में बोला जाएगा। हमारी आपसे मांग है कि सदस्य को बुलाया जाए, वह रिग्रेट करे, माफी मांगे और इन शब्दों को वापस लिया जाए, वरना हमारे लिए सदन में स्थान ग्रहण करने में तकलीफ होगी। ...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या बात कर रहे हैं?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I appreciate your sentiments. You will please recall that I had immediately expunged all these words.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK : We are thankful to you for that.

MR. SPEAKER: I had immediately expunged, and I am also sorry that such strong words are being used. This will not help us in any way. Since they are derogatory, I have immediately deleted them. Therefore, I will request all of you to let us have a debate of a very high level.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK : He should withdraw that word.

MR. SPEAKER: That is entirely for him; he is here.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Our sentiments are hurt. If it is only deleted, then nobody will listen to us. Do not push us to the wall where we have no option but

MR. SPEAKER: I cannot compel any hon. Member to do or not to do anything, but it is entirely for him to do what he thinks fit. In the context of proper running of the House, I will make a request to him to consider the same.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Let us not threaten each other. I am in the Parliament from 1985. I am associated with Mr. Advani in Rajya Sabha for more than 15 years. I hold him in high esteem. I do not know what his assessment about me is, but I hold him in high esteem. The point is, I had used a word which I should not have used; I agree. But I should also say that Mr. Advani had used a word ...* which is unparliamentary.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK : He said that after you have used that word.

MR. SPEAKER: That is not correct. That has also been expunged. Now, he has withdrawn it. He has expressed his regret.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Mr. Advani should also withdraw that word. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: He has expressed his regrets.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : Sir, Mr. Advani should also withdraw that word.

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI (GARHWAL): He made a clear statement and immediately after that, you have distorted it. He said that it was a ...*

MR. SPEAKER: This cannot go on like this. You have to do that outside.

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI : You can recall what Mr. Advani said.

MR. SPEAKER: He has said that, he should not have used that word.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : My point is that Mr. Advani is not coming out and I am sorry for that. He should have said that he should not have used that word ... is an unparliamentary word just as the word ... Both words are unparliamentary. I am sorry that I should not have used it, but Mr. Advani should

* Not recorded say that he should not have used it.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I leave it to him.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : There is a difference between the words used. It was a blatant untruth, if he wants it that way.

MR. SPEAKER: It will add to your stature, Advaniji.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : I do not want to add to my stature.

MR. SPEAKER: I want.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : I have heard these comments so often and also because he said that I should personally reply to him. I replied very clearly that I am proud of my association with the movement, but I am extremely sorry about the demolition. [r18]

I have said that a hundred times. Therefore, when he said, 'He was proud that it was demolished', as I said, it was not correct.

MR. SPEAKER: It was 'not correct'.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI : Anyway, I do not want to do anything further. He has regretted what he said. So, let the matter be treated as closed.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you very much. This is the spirit in which we should work. That chapter is over now.

Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav.