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Title : Regarding reported abduction of Collector of Sukma District in Chhattisgarh.

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Dr. M. Thambidurai.

...(Interruptions)

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): Madam, the Collector of Sukma District in Chhattisgarh, Shri Alex Paul Menon was abducted by the Maoists on 21st April, 2012 while he was on official inspection in a remote village. ...(Interruptions) Madam, it is unfortunate that an officer, when he was on official tour, was abducted by the Maoists. It will create some kind of a bad atmosphere and also create demoralization amongst the Executive Officers and the IAS Officers. ...(Interruptions) Madam, already the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister to take necessary action and also to see that this Collector is released from the custody of the Maoists. The family members of the Collector appealed to the Government of India and also the State Government to ensure that Shri Menon is released from the Maoists. Madam, this is a very important matter. ...(Interruptions) Recently, in Odisha also, one MLA had been abducted, and we do not know as to what happened to him. Such incidents are taking place in India. Therefore, it is high time that the Home Minister and the Government of India must come forward to see as to how to tackle the problem of Maoists, and also see that this Officer, Shri Alex Paul Menon, is released from the custody of the Maoists at the earliest. That is my humble request. ...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Shri T.R. Baalu.

SHRI T.R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR): Madam Speaker, it is highly unfortunate that the Collector of Sukma District in Chhattisgarh, Shri Alex Paul Menon was abducted by the Maoists last week. ...(Interruptions) The entire Tamilians are very much worried about his life. ...(Interruptions) A statement has already been issued by our leader, Dr. Kalignar Karunanidhi requesting the Central Government to kindly intervene in this matter and ensure his safe return. ...(Interruptions) Madam, this is not the first time such incidents are happening. Such incidents happened elsewhere also and also in Chhattisgarh. ...(Interruptions) This officer is suffering from Asthma and his health condition is deteriorating. ...(Interruptions) Hence it is for the Central Government and also the State Government to see the safe return of this Officer without any injury to his life. ...(Interruptions) The public should be given proper protection. ...(Interruptions) When the Collector himself is not getting proper protection, then where is the chance of the public getting proper protection. ...(Interruptions) I would request the Central Government and also the State Government to ensure that this Collector is brought back from the custody of the Maoists. ...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Now, Shri S.S. Ramasubbu. [r2]

...(Interruptions)

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Madam Speaker, this is a very important problem. The nation is deeply shocked to learn that in the afternoon of Saturday, April 21, 2012, the cadres of banned Maoists kidnapped the Sukma District Collector, Shri Alex Paul Menon. He is from my constituency of Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. He has done his schooling at Palayamkottai. Shri Menon is a very intelligent, efficient, hard-working and dedicated officer. The people of my entire district are shocked due to this incident. ...(Interruptions)

On behalf of the members of the family of Shri Menon, I urge upon the Central Government to kindly intervene in the matter, take immediate necessary action for the early release of the Maoist kidnapped District Collector Shri Menon and provide adequate compensation to the families of his bodyguard who were killed in the incident....(Interruptions)

It is a very important issue because this Maoist problem has been occurring in Odisha. In an earlier incident also one Collector was kidnapped. Now a person who is very intelligent and young, belonging to my constituency, has been abducted. Please take action immediately to bring him safely. ...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER:

Shri P. Lingam,

Shri Shivkumar Udasi,

Shri P.T. Thomas,

Shri Shailendra Kumar,

Shri Devji M. Patel,

Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki,

Shri J.M. Aaron Rashid,

Shri Manicka Tagore,

Shrimati J. Helen Davidson,

Shri S.R. Jeyadurai,

Shri A. Sampath,

Shri Virendra Kumar, and

Shrimati Botcha Jhansi Lakshmi are allowed to associate themselves with the issue of kidnap of Shri Alex Paul Menon.

...(Interruptions)
