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Title: Issue regarding political interference in Judicial independence.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): Madam Speaker, in our country, throughout the history, we have strived hard to have our Judicial independence above party politics....(*Interruptions*) But today's newspaper carried an exposure of Shri Markandey Katju, the former Chief Justice of Madras high Court....(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : किसी का नाम नहीं लिया जाएगा।

â€!(व्यवधान)

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : Today the news has appeared that the previous Government, the DMK-allay Party interfered in the appointment of the Madras High Court Judge, that also a *Judge. ...(*Interruptions*)

Therefore, I would like to ask the hon. Law Minister to probe this serious matter and see as to what has happened actually. ...(*Interruptions*) Who is that judge? Who were in the DMK party to pressurize the previous Government? That is what I would like to know. ...(*Interruptions*) Let the Law Minister give a reply. ...(*Interruptions*) It is a very serious matter....(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आपकी बात हो गई है।

â€!(व्यवधान)

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : Also the DMK Minister went to the airport and * the former Prime Minister to see that the Government is going to fall....(*Interruptions*)

CAPT. AMARINDER SINGH (AMRITSAR): Madam, I have a point of order.â€! (*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: There is no point of order in the 'Zero Hour'.

...(*Interruptions*)

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : Therefore, I want to know when we are all demanding for Judiciary as an independent body...(*Interruptions*) It is a very serious matter....(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please, I cannot compel the Government.

...(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : ऐसे नहीं होता है।

â€!(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane.

...(*Interruptions*)

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI : Let the Law Minister to reply to that. It is a serious matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : मैंने बोला है कि किसी का नाम नहीं लिया जाएगा।

â€!(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€!*

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane – not present.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Thambidurai ji, I am sorry. Again I am saying, I cannot compel the Government to say anything like this in the 'Zero Hour'. You have raised your matter; I have allowed you. I am sorry; No.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. Ratna De. Only her speech will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€!*