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title: Regarding alleged irregularities in Delhi District Cricket Association.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to raise a serious corruption allegation which happened in Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA). ...(*Interruptions*) Madam, there were gross irregularities in DDCA when Finance Minister ~~â€~~* was the Chairman of DDCA. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: You are taking his name. Have you given him notice? If you have not, please do not take his name. His name will not go. You raise the issue of DDCA, I have no objection. But do not take the name because you have not given him notice.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Please hear my point, Madam.

In the year 2012, the Director, Serious Frauds Investigation Office (SFIO), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, received complaints regarding financial irregularities in the construction of Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium. Madam, they conducted an inquiry. During the course of investigation, on 1-12-2012 the DDCA conceded to the SFIO that for the reconstruction of the stadium which was carried out between 2002 and 2007, the initial budget was Rs.24 crore but eventually it ended up costing Rs.114 crore.

There is a clear boom of cost escalation by Rs 90 crore. ...(*Interruptions*)

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजीव प्रताप रूडी): मैडम, यह कोई साधारण बात नहीं है। अभी इन्होंने पूरे एक घंटे सदन के भीतर शोर मचाया है।...(*व्यवधान*) उसके बाद ये लोग अपनी सीट पर जाकर सदन की कार्यवाही में व्यवधान डाल रहे हैं।~~â€~~(*व्यवधान*)

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: In the investigation by the SFIO, it was revealed that there was no record of tender for most of the contracts issued by DDCA for construction of the stadium. ...(*Interruptions*) So, no proper standard procedure was ever met for the said project. ...(*Interruptions*) Another major finding is that many companies that were given contracts of construction and allied work of Feroz Shah Kotla stadium were actually owned by the office bearers of DDCA. ...(*Interruptions*) DDCA has illegally constructed ten corporate boxes in the stadium and has sub-leased these boxes for ten years to corporates for a collective amount of approximately Rs 36 crore which is not justifiable. ...(*Interruptions*) These are the findings.

There are so many allegations. DDCA paid Rs 16,000 for laptop per day, Rs 3,000 for printer per day and Rs 5,000 for Puja ki thali as rent. ...(*Interruptions*) There were forty companies which either did not exist or the information given about them was wrong. Such a fraud has happened. ...(*Interruptions*) Yesterday, the situation took a new turn. My colleague Shri Kirti Azad, the Member from the Treasure Benches, made a press conference with solid evidence yesterday. ~~â€~~ (*Interruptions*) We, the Opposition, have not levelled charges against the hon. Finance Minister. Shri Kirti Azad is sitting there. You can inquire from him. ...(*Interruptions*) He made a press conference with solid evidence. Shri Kirti Azad came out with a new video alleging corruption in the DDCA and he said that the former President of DDCA and the present Union Finance Minister ~~â€~~* was aware of the irregularities. ...(*Interruptions*) He also played a CD of annual general meeting of the cricket body held in December 2012 where he clearly points out the irregularities to ~~â€~~*the Finance Minister who was chairing the meeting and seeks answers from him. ...(*Interruptions*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : वे सदन में मौजूद हैं। वे बोलेंगे।

~~â€~~(*व्यवधान*)

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: We can also see from the video that ~~â€~~*is retorting angrily to Shri Kirti Azad, 'If you put criminal charges against my colleagues, it is my duty to defend them.' ...(*Interruptions*) Hon. Finance Minister is saying that it is his duty to defend the offenders. What does it mean? ...(*Interruptions*) It is very clear that ~~â€~~* is well aware of the fact and there is serious allegation that ~~â€~~* ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please do not make an allegation. No allegation will go on record.

...(*Interruptions*)~~â€~~ *

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL : We are demanding an inquiry by Joint Parliamentary Committee and the resignation of ~~â€~~*. This is a serious allegation against a Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Hon. Speaker Madam, it is an absolutely uncalled for statement which has been made personally against the Finance Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri K.C. Venugopal, you have completed your speech. Please take your seat now.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Kirti Azad, what do you want?

श्री किरि आज़ाद (दरभंगा) : मैडम, उन्होंने मेरा नाम लिया है।...(*व्यवधान*)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : किरि जी, इसके बाद अगर कुछ बचता है तो आप बोल सकते हैं।

~~â€~~(*व्यवधान*)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): Madam, I am extremely grateful to my hon. colleague Shri Venugopal that on the basis of whatever limited information that he had he has raised this issue.

Since this issue, in the last few days, has acquired some overtones outside the House also by persons who are not present in the House, whatever remedies are available to me I have taken; but since the Member has raised in the House, I thought it a duty to correctly inform him.

Delhi did not have a cricket stadium; it had a *maidan*. Therefore, during my tenure when I was associated there we considered it necessary that Delhi should get a proper stadium. At that time the BCCI used to give only Rs. 4,00,00,000 as infrastructure subsidy. So, we had to raise money. In order to raise money, we used two initial resources. First, we created 43 corporate boxes; in advance, sold the tickets of those boxes for ten years so that we could get some money. Each seat was sold for Rs. 1,00,000; each box had approximately 30 seats. Then, the signage in the stadium was sold at Tata end and ITC end to different corporates. We managed to raise about Rs. 35 crore. So, we intended to create two small blocks of ground floor and first floor; but by that time BCCI started earning money and said they could give infrastructure subsidy up to Rs. 50 crore. So, we decided to re-build the whole stadium. ...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Please sit down. Nothing will go on record.

...*(Interruptions)* *

HON. SPEAKER: Only Shri Arun Jaitley's statement, only the Minister's statement will go on record.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Please sit down. The facts will be extremely inconvenient. ...*(Interruptions)*

Madam, they have had their say.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Venugopal, please listen. I have allowed your full statement.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Is this the method? ...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: You always do like this.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Why are you finding my reply so inconvenient? It is not a charge against you. ...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: This is not proper.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Madam, by a tendering process, the contract for building the stadium was given to Messrs. Engineering Projects (India) Limited, a public sector company. They did the civil works for an amount of about Rs. 57-58 crore. After civil works, there were 43 other works to be done which were done predominantly through their sub-contractor because the PSU did the civil works. ...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: This is not proper, Shri Venugopal.

...*(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Gaurav Gogoi, please take your seat.

...*(Interruptions)*

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप बैठ जाएं, आप उनकी तरफ से क्यों लड़ रहे हैं?

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: For a total sum of Rs. 114 crore, महोदया, 42 हजार लोगों की क्षमता का एक स्टेडियम बना।...*(व्यवधान)* जब इनकी पार्टी पावर में थी, तो जवाहर लाल नेहरू स्टेडियम का रेनोवेशन 900 करोड़ रुपये में हुआ था।...*(व्यवधान)*

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप लोग बैठ जाएं, मंत्री जी की पूरी बात सुनिए।

â€¦*(व्यवधान)*

श्री अरुण जेटली : जब कांग्रेस पार्टी पावर में थी तो 14 हजार लोगों की कैपेसिटी के ध्यानचंद नेशनल स्टेडियम का रेनोवेशन 600 करोड़ रुपये में किया गया।...*(व्यवधान)* और यहां ब्रैंड न्यू स्टेडियम केवल 114 करोड़ रुपये में बन गया और इस बात को ये अपने आप में गलत मानते हैं।...*(व्यवधान)* किसी एस.एफ.आई.ओ. ने यह रिपोर्ट नहीं दी है कि यह गलत खर्चा हुआ है।...*(व्यवधान)* एस.एफ.आई.ओ. ने इस पूरे खर्च को स्वीकार किया और इस विषय पर कोई फांडिंग नहीं दी है। मैं केवल इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह सारा आरोप बेबुनियाद है और अपने आप में एकदम गलत है।...*(व्यवधान)*

श्री राजीव प्रताप रूडी : महोदया, कांग्रेस ने सवाल उठाया और माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपना पक्ष सदन के सामने रख दिया है।...*(व्यवधान)*

श्री किरि आज़ाद : माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदया, इसमें कोई दो राय नहीं है कि 114 करोड़ रुपये में यह स्टेडियम बना और 900 करोड़ रुपये में जवाहरलाल नेहरू स्टेडियम आदि का रिनोवेशन हुआ था। जिन लोगों ने उतने रुपये में ऐसा किया, उनका जो हश्र हो रहा है, वह हम सब देख रहे हैं। लेकिन मैं माननीय सदन को यह भी बताना चाहता हूँ कि एसएफआईओ ने जो किया था, वह एक सिविल था, अभी हमारी सरकार पूरी तरह से भ्रष्टाचार के विरुद्ध लड़ रही है। यदि न लड़ रही होती, तो हमारी सरकार ने 23 अक्टूबर को सीबीआई का नोटिस डीडीसीए को वर्ष 2008 से 2013 तक न दिया होता, जिसमें जितनी भी गड़बड़ियाँ और विमिनल हैं, वे सारे मामले सामने आएंगे, जिनमें आईपीएल और इन बॉक्सेज का भी मामला है। उस समय वर्ष 2008 से 2013 तक अध्यक्ष, तो यह

मामला सामने आ ही जाएगा, क्या है क्या नहीं है। मेरे ख्याल से इनको मांग करनी चाहिए कि यह टाइम बाउंड हो, सीबीआई के ऊपर एसआईटी लगाकर, बैठकर उसे दिखवाये और तीन-चार महीने में यह सामने आ जाए।... (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : उनको सिर्फ चिल्लाना है।

शहरी विकास मंत्री, आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वेंकटर्या नायडू) : अध्यक्ष महोदया, यह ठीक है कि यह मामला आपके विचारधीन है, तो उसके ऊपर व्याख्या करने का कोई मतलब नहीं है। मैडम, मुझे बीच में सदन से जाना पड़ा, क्योंकि उप राष्ट्रपति जी द्वारा राज्य सभा सांसद श्री शरद यादव जी की पुस्तक का विमोचन होना था। मुझे बताया गया कि डी.डी.सी.ए. के सम्बन्ध में कुछ लोगों ने व्याख्या की। इस विषय में मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ कि फैंक्ट्स सदन के सामने आने चाहिए। पूर्व में भी आरोप लगे थे, उस समय यू.पी.ए. सरकार थी। उस सरकार ने 2012-2013 में इंतवायरी कराई। सीरियस फ्रॉड इंवेस्टीगेशन ऑफिस ने इसकी इंतवायरी की थी और उन्होंने डी.डी.सी.ए. के अध्यक्ष के बारे में कुछ नहीं कहा था, केवल यह कहा था कि कुछ इरेग्युलैरिटीज़ हैं, यही चीज नोट की थी। उस समय इन्हीं की सरकार थी, अगर कोई एक्शन लेना था, तो ये लोग उस वक्त सरकार में रहते हुए एक्शन ले सकते थे। उस समय अरुण जी मंत्री भी नहीं थे। अब ये शोर कर रहे हैं कि मंत्री को बर्खास्त करो। मंत्री जी के इस्तीफा देने का कोई मतलब नहीं है। सन् 2013 में कौन मंत्री था, क्या उन्हें अब इस्तीफा देना चाहिए? सन् 2013 में किसकी सरकार थी, क्या ये लोग उस सरकार की आलोचना कर रहे हैं?

मैं यही कहना चाहता हूँ कि हमें कुछ मर्यादा, कुछ पद्धति का पालन करना चाहिए। वर्तमान सरकार आने के बाद अरुण जेटली जी के वित्त मंत्री बनने के बाद... (व्यवधान) हमें मालूम है, आपकी पार्टी में भी कभी-कभी ऐसा होता है। हम उन्हें भी समझाएंगे और जिन-जिन को समझाना है, सबको समझाएंगे। मैं रिकार्ड स्ट्रेट कर रहा हूँ, किसी के ऊपर आरोप नहीं लगा रहा हूँ।

Shri Arun Jaitley was not the Minister at that time. Secondly, he is not the President since 2013. Then, thirdly, Shri Arun Jaitley is known in the entire country for his impeccable character, and honesty. Whatever position he held, he held it with high standards. That being the case, we should not, for the sake of short-term politics, drag the name of the people and try to unnecessarily tar the image of the people. This is not good. It is not going to do any good to anybody whether it is from this side or that side. So, that is why, I thought I should put the record straight. Whichever mistakes have happened, there are people. They will take care of it. But, as far as the Government is concerned, the Government has no role in that. Shri Arun Jaitley, as the Finance Minister, has no role in that. You have seen yesterday that all the important cricketers across the country said and paid compliments to the Finance Minister saying that because of him the Delhi Cricket Association has got these many facilities and got good name also. I thought I should put it on record because it is not only for now but also for the future.

â€¦ (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : केवल रमा देवी जी की बात रिकॉर्ड में जाएगी।

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