

There has been indiscriminate firing and seven persons have been killed.
(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seats, I will take just one minute. If the lives are lost, we are all sorry and we send our condolences. We think that proper investigations should be done in the matter. But at the same time let us not, please, forget that one of your colleagues was reported to be fired at. Let us find out what are the actual facts. After the actual facts are before us, let us express our views. Without knowing the view, let us not allege against the colleague or against anyone else also.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A CHARLES: Sir, there was a heavy toll of life due to the collapse of that building there - in Srinagar. I understand the Prime Minister was concerned about it. So, he contacted Shri Rajesh Pilot and sent him as a representative of the Prime Minister. He went there, paid respects and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. and, on his way back, this incident happened. So, it is very unfortunate. The fact is that one of our Ministers was attacked. Now, the hon. Member on the other side says that innocent people have been killed. That statement has just now come from him. The message is that we are supporting the terrorists. This is very wrong. this is very unfortunate. I think I have given the factual position. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (DELHI (SOUTH): Mr. Speaker, Sir I am happy that Shri Pilot has returned safely and an assault on him. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: If you are congratulating him, I will also join you.

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: I would like to congratulate him. This incident shows the situation existing in Kashmir. Today the Government is talking of holding elections

there. I have said earlier and I repeat it that since we can not hoist our national Flag even with the help of the forces, a Minister is assaulted when he goes to meet the people, what is the reasons behind Governments argument to hold elections there. The Government should reconsider it. When the caravan was going, it was assulted from behind. A small girl was crusade to death by a truck. Innocent people were killed. So I would like that a statement should be made in the House. What were the circumstances that led to firing? Perhaps he had informed the administration beforehand about his visit. The security personnel would have made arrangements. The Home Minister should make a statement in the House about all these things. it is replatedly being discussed that elections should be held in Kashmir. Is the Government thinking on these lines?
(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI E. AHAMED (Manjeri); Mr, Speaker, Sir, I would like to mention about an incident which took place yesterday in Delhi. Two Arab Diplomats - the Charge-d' affairs of the Kuwait Embassy Mr. Mutheb Othamn Al Rumaih and the Egyptian Counselor Mr. Mohammed Najeeb have been attacked by some unidentified people. They have somehow managed to escape unhurt. Sir There may be some sort of inter-rivalry among the Arabs in their respective countries. Had India has been maintaining very cordial relationship with all them Arab countries and especially with Kuwait where we have lakhs of people. So, this wanton attack on the Charge-d' Affairs, the Kuwait diplomat has really created a sense of anguish in the minds of lakhs of our people who are living in Kuwat. Therefore, I wish that the hon. Minister of State for external Affairs should come to this House and Explain the reason as to what actually happened and also the steps that the Government propose to take against such attack, in future.

And also, these diplomat are to be given sufficient and necessary security from such attacks in future. Thank you.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Kuwaiti Diplomat has alleged after the attack on him, that he had demanded security but that External Affairs Ministry made no arrangements for his security. Now it is to be clarified whether he had demanded security at the Embassy or at all the places he goes wherever it is easy for the Government to provide security at the Embassy, but the ambassador wants to carry guards with him, the Government should declare its policy in the House in this regard.

Now questions are being asked as to who are the persons behind the assault. There are different opinion about it. Is any terrorist group involved in it? is it related to the Palestine movement or is it due to the mutual rivalry among Arancontra Counties as pointed by my friend or was it was a case of disputes with the Kuwaiti diplomate? Because I came to know from the newspaper that he had gone to sarajing Nagar. What was the need to go there? He was accompanied by an Egyptian diplomat also. The way he was attacked would carry a news abroad that all the diplomates in Delhi are not safe. There is no need to over emphasise the fact that the law and order situation is deteriorating in Delhi. But this allegation should be refuted that he had demanded The Government security and the Ministry of Extrenal Affairs did not provide security if that the postion should identify the persons who ho assual him and who disappeared after attack. It is very much necessary to collect the all the information and inform the House.

[*English*]

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA (Jadavpur): Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government to the serious situation that is prevailing in the Chamanu Valley in Tripura where there is wide-spread gastroenteritis which has taken the shapes of epidemic. The report has come from the Agricultural Minister of Tripura Shri Nagendra Jamatia jmata himself who has made a tour of the distict and who has found that people

there are dying like flies. It is said that this condition of epidemic has actually been created by near-famine situation prevailing in the tribal areas of Chamanue where no food is available, no work is available, no water is available, no medical aid is available and people are dying so fast that it is impossible to give them funerals. It is said that dogs are eating human carcass. It is also said that the situations is so bad that the parents are lying. There is mass exodus and parents are escaping from the place leaving their small children, small ailing children. In this saturation, to which the attention of the Government has been drawn before, we have said before and we have been saying for a long time that there are famine conditions in certain tribal areas of Tripura and people are dying there. But so far we have heard no response from the Government whatsoever. I would like, through you, to know from the Government whether the State Government has sent any message to the Central Government regarding the famine conditions in Chamanu area, in the tribal areas. What steps are being taken by the State Government to check the epidemic of gastroenterits. What is the condition of the PDS system there?

The Public Distribution System is said to be in shambles, So, I would like to know whether there is any urgent message from the State Government to the Central Government asking for food asking for medicals aid and whether the Central Governemnt is talking any steps. I would also like to know whether the prime Minister, who has already visited one or two areas which are said to be famine affected, would also visit Tripura beause the situation is so bad that it is said that hundreds of people are dying there. It is not a question of just one or two persons.

In this situation, I would urgently request the Government to send all help to the State Government, to see that the Public Distribution System is set working and that work is given to the tribal areas. jawahar Rozgatr Yojana which is failed there, should be instituted once again and everything should the done so that food and medical aid