

12.14 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE
LEGISLATION*[English]*

Eighth Report

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA (Pali) : I beg to present the Eighth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

12.14 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ASSURANCES*[English]*

Fifth Report

SHRI B.K. GADHVI (Banaskantha) : I beg to present the Fifth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Government Assurances.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Why don't you allow us to make our submissions?
(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have only to say this thing, well, I am not going to stand this sort of thing. This is absolutely out of the sky and without foundation, without facts, without anything; and it does not fall under any of the rules. What can I do?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I would like you to withdraw from the House.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : You call us one by one.

MR. SPEAKER : You guide me under what rule?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Why should I do it?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have had enough of it. My patience is wore out. I am not going to stand it; it is too much.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Is it the way the hon. members should behave?

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : People are agitated.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : We are not angry. You should also not be angry.

MR. SPEAKER : Let me know under what rule do you want me to do it?

SHRI SURESH KURUP : This is a convention.

MR. SPEAKER : This is not a convention.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : We have given notices.

MR. SPEAKER : What does it matter? You are making a mockery of this rule.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Why mockery?

MR. SPEAKER : I have not given my consent.

SHRI SURESH KURUP : You should also listen to us.

(Interruptions)

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : 125th birth anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore should be declared as a national holiday.

MR. SPEAKER : You give something to me in writing.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I am not going to be subjected to this blackmail.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : This is simply a blackmail.

(Interruptions)

SHRI AMAL DATTA : Government has promulgated ESMA.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I am not going to be blackmailed.

SHRI AMAL DATTA : You know, junior engineers.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I am not going to be blackmailed.

SHRI AMAL DATTA : Why don't you listen to us ?

[Translation]

SHRI HARISH RAWAT : 6000 Junior Engineers of C.P.W.D. are on hunger strike. No attention is being paid towards their demands.

SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Their demands should be examined.

MR. SPEAKER : What can I do ?
(Interruptions)

We shall see. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : It cannot happen here.

[English]

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : I am appealing to you with folded hands. Please announce this as a government holiday.

*(Interruptions)***

MR. SPEAKER : Not a single word will go on record.

*(Interruptions)***

MR. SPEAKER : I am not going to be blackmailed.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Who is black-mailing you ?

*(Interruptions)***

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record. I am not going to be blackmailed.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY (Katwa) : Who is blackmailing you ? Who has blackmailed you ? Please tell us. You should call one by one.

*(Interruptions)***

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichettipalayam) : We are making a genuine request with regard to Sri Lanka problem. The other day, you assured us in the B.A.C. to take up this problem today.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER : Mamataji, your brothers do not allow me to listen, what can your elder brother do ?

[English]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a point has been raised by an hon. Member about the holiday for the 125th birth anniversary of Gurudev Tagore. In spite of the fact that opposition Members tried to drown that suggestion, we will agree to it.
(Interruptions)

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU (Madras North) : The Prime Minister is wrong. We are on the Sri Lanka problem...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : It is very unfair...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Let him withdraw the remark...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me say something...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Order, order.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : If you shout like this, I shall ask you to withdraw.....
(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Sit down. You are making a slur on the House...

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You do not have any decency left...

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Just to reiterate the point that I tried to make earlier, what I.....*(Interruption)*. Unfortunately, while I was speaking just a few minutes back, hon. Members from the opposite benches got up and started shouting.....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : No, no...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Let me finish what I was saying.....*(Interruptions)*

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : If you try to frighten, nobody would be afraid. Mr. Kurup, is it not so ?

[*English*]

Can you frighten anybody ?

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : We wanted to raise an important issue...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Now listen.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : I have no doubt the hon. Members have very important issue to raise but I was given an opportunity. Unfortunately, while I was still talking, the last part of my sentence was drowned by the Opposition Members. What I said was—I have already said it last time when I stood up—that we agree to give 125th birth anniversary of Gurudev Tagore as a holiday. In spite of that, they are not listening to me; Sir.....*(Interruptions)*.

MR. SPEAKER : Now the problem remains that I shall have to...*(Interruptions)*.

MR. SPEAKER : Sit down now. Take your seat.....

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Will you please sit down ? For God's sake will you take your seat ?...

(Interruptions)

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU : The Daily Island has published a statement.....*(Interruptions)*.

MR. SPEAKER : I know it. I have the same feelings as you have. Now sit down,

SHRI N.V.N. SOMU : The other day you assured us that it will be discussed...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You do not have the decency even to sit down when I am standing. I am getting ashamed. With the way we have been cooperating, with the way every subject has been discussed—I am open for 24 hours of the day—I do not know why should an occasion arise to do like this because this.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Order. Don't shout. The only thing I want to say is it exasperates me.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : please, for God's sake sit down now. I abhor this. It pains me. There are certain things which have to be done in a proper manner. The same subject you are clamouring now, I had already allowed under 377. You don't understand this thing.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : 377 will not do.

MR. SPEAKER : But there is no other way out for me. If you can come to me and.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Just listen to me. Don't shout at me. Let me answer to this gentleman first. If you can just convince me, I shall beg forgiveness of the House, I shall apologise to you that I am doing something out of the blue and I am going out of the rules. I will apologise with folded hands on the floor of the House. But the way you are all doing like this, I may tell you that whatever may be the consequences, I shall be open to this House. I am not a master of this House. I have already said that I am

[Mr. Speaker]

a servant of this House. But I am supposed to keep the honour, the dignity and the decorum and the rules of this House and as long as I am here, I am not going to be cowed down. I can be made to realise my mistake.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Now listen to me. The way you behave, it is a slur on the floor of this House. I say I am open. I have already allowed that. But if somebody comes—daily there are demonstrations at the Boat Club, they are coming daily, but it is not my.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : No, I do not differentiate. Then am I going to adjourn the House daily here? There are certain rules under which I can allow. But if ten people come and shout, well, I will not be blackmailed, I will not be cowed down. The House may throw me out of the House and say, "Go back to your house, Mr. Speaker", I am no longer to preside. But as long as I preside over this House, I am going to maintain the dignity of this august House. I am not going to cut down the roots of democracy. I am going to further nourish it, cherish it, because, I am here to guard it and not to cut down its limbs. I am open to you Mr. Choudhary and Mr. Kurup. You come to me and make me realise and I will apologise on the Floor of the House.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Please listen to me.

MR. SPEAKER : If I have got it I will do it.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : The session is being extended by one day. The other day you said to me that you do not find time. Why not you allow a Call Attention at least? You promised in the B.A.C.

MR. SPEAKER : I do not know. You come to me. I am open. Mr. Kolandaivelu, why did you not come yesterday? Why did you not come today? You can come today. You can come tomorrow. But you just do it on the Floor of the House unnecessarily.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : It is not unnecessary. You promised me the other day.

MR. SPEAKER : Again you are doing the same thing.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Sir, one minute...

MR. SPEAKER : You can come to me. What is your point of order, let me know. I am going by the rules. What is your point of order?

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : About the holiday declared for the 125th birth anniversary of Tagore, the Prime Minister said that we did not support it.

MR. SPEAKER : No. He did not say it.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : He only said it was drowned.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Why only 125th birthday of Tagore should be a holiday? Why not all birthdays of Tagore be declared holidays?

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : He has cleared it and I have cleared it. There is nothing wrong about it. There is no aspersion on you.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : It is all right. Again you are shouting. I am not going to stand this any longer.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : I am going to name you Mr. Choubey if you do like this.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : You have transgressed every limit of decency of patience. You have transgressed every limit; and you do it daily without fail now.

SHRI SURESH KURUP : It is unbecoming... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Why should you do it? You are supposed to be one of the leaders of the House.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : You could have allowed us.

MR. SPEAKER : Why should I allow you? I cannot go out of the rules.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You give me anything and I will do it. Under the rules you ask me and I will do it. My hands are with you. But I cannot do like that, what you say, when you break the rules.

(Interruptions)

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Please hear us.

(Interruptions)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : Very good, it has become clear.

(Interruptions)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : You don't realise my position. You are 50 or 60 at a time and the lone figure is here. What am I supposed to do? Go mad?

SHRI AMAL DATTA : Please allow us one by one.

MR. SPEAKER : There is no question of one by one.

(Interruptions)

SHRI AMAL DATTA : I have given an Adjournment Motion.

MR. SPEAKER : No Adjournment Motion. I have not allowed it. I have not admitted it.

I have received intimation from the Government that three more Bills, namely,

Wild Life Amendment Bill, Environment Protection Bill and the Income-tax Bill are to be discussed and passed. I suggest the House may sit tomorrow also for the completion of the above business. I think we will do it,

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad) : A carnage has taken place at Arwal. You had given an assurance on the 23rd.....

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : I replied to you yesterday. I am not yet ready for it.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : You had given an assurance.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Not allowed.

Now, Calling Attention.

12.30 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[*Translation*]

Tardy implementation of constitutional provision in regard to use of Hindi as the official language of the Union

SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI (Kanpur) : I call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon :

"The situation arising out of slow implementation of statutory provisions in connection with the use of Hindi as official language of the Union and action taken by the Government in this connection."