

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI (Anantnag): The hon. Minister has made a statement that he would have three separate enquiries for three items mentioned in the Resolution. There are actually four matters which have been mentioned in the Resolution, namely.....

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: I have accepted Mr. Madhu Limaye's amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: I think Government will take a final decision on that matter and you can leave it to them to decide finally. Now, I shall have to put amendments first.

SHRI HUKMDEO NARAIN YADAV: I withdraw my amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw his amendment?

Amendment No. 1 was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Limaye is not here. So, it has to be put to the vote of the House. I shall now put the amendment of Shri Madhu Limaye to the vote of the House.

Amendment No. 2 was put and negatived.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Sir, I have already said that I want to withdraw my resolution.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw his Resolution?

The Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

17.48 hrs.

RESOLUTION RE: PROBE INTO ATROCITIES COMMITTED DURING INTERNAL EMERGENCY

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour): I beg to move:

"This House calls upon the Government to forthwith constitute a high powered Parliamentary body to probe into the alleged misdeeds, malpractices and atrocities committed by Central Government and State Governments, between 25th June, 1975 and 20th March, 1977 when the internal emergency was in force."

This period under Shrimati Indira Gandhi during the internal emergency is the blackest and darkest chapter in Indian history which has no parallel. Everything was done in order to benefit one person. Volumes could be written on it and mere few hours debate is inadequate. The catalogue is very long and I would recite it now and shall deal with it at length later. Firstly, the genesis of emergency was illegal. Certain immediate follow-up action was taken to silence people who opposed it. There was gagging of the Press and even the telephones, teleprinters and electric lines of the news papers were cut. Fourthly, freedom to publish, that is, freedom of expression, was drastically cut and taken away. News agencies were wound up and even the late Fakhruddin Sahib's speech was censored. SAMACHAR was converted into a political P.I.B. and political censor and intelligence officers took journalism as cover jobs. There was indiscriminate use of MISA, DIR and sections of I.P.C. such as 107 and 109. False specific prosecutions were launched against all political opponents and many others who did not curry favour with the people in power. Unheard of torture, atrocities and repression in jails, in Police lock-ups and outside, irrespective of age or background were committed. In the name of beautification, 50,000 houses in Turkman Gate and Ajmal Khan Road were acquired

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Monday, April 4, 1977/Chaitra 14, 1899 (Saka).