

[Shri A. K. Gopalan]

made these wild allegations against me and other members of my party with the sole intention of scandalizing me and my party and in order to indulge in the game of character assassination.

It is further amazing that he sticks to these charges even now. He has thus deliberately misused his privileged position as a Member of Parliament to scandalize me and other members of my party. If he has the courage, I would ask him through you to make these charges outside the House and face the consequences.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): Sir, I have one or two points to clarify. Shri Gopalan has said that I have uttered a falsehood in the House . . . (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: If Shri Shukla wants to make a statement, he should give me a copy in advance, then I will permit him later on to make it.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair (Quilon): Under what rule?

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: I do not want to make a statement. I only want to clarify two points that he has made.

Mr. Speaker: Please give me a copy today and I will allow you to make it tomorrow.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: And, again, Shri Gopalan will be allowed?

Mr. Speaker: No; somewhere it will end. After I read the statement I will see what action is to be taken.

Shri Nambiar (Tiruchirappalli): On a point of order, Sir. My point of order is that he cannot make a statement. He may be a Minister of State or damn God himself, but he cannot talk nonsense. He must understand that we belong to a respected party. He must know to behave. He may be a Minister . . . (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

12.47 hrs.

RE. CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (बलरामपुर):
अभी एक काल एटेशन नोटिस लिया गया था। उसके ऊपर आप दो बजे सवाल एलाऊ कर दे तो अच्छा होगा।

Shri P. K. Deo (Kalahandi): All those who are likely to ask a question are not here and they were told that it will come up at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: I have no objection to taking it up at 6 o'clock or at 5 o'clock.

Shri P. K. Deo: The Lobby Assistant came and informed us that it will be taken up at 6 o'clock.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: मेरी कठिनाई यह है कि प्रधान मंत्री ने एक बँटक बुलाई है . . .

Mr. Speaker: When some other hon. Member says that it is inconvenient for him, we have to take that into consideration.

Shri A. B. Vajpayee: Let it be taken up tomorrow immediately after the Question Hour.

Mr. Speaker: I have no objection.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): But there is one difficulty. We have some questions in the other House regarding the same matter and we might be detained there. So, I would request that it may be taken up today at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: All right.