

Shri Manoharan (Madras South):
Mr. Chairman, I hope I will get a
minimum of fifteen minutes.

Mr. Chairman: His allotted time is
9 minutes. He can take a minute or
two more.

Shri Manoharan: At the outset,
though it might be bitter, I would
like to say that the performance of
our External Affairs Ministry is not
only, sluggish but conservative, dull
and lethargic. This impression I have
after having visited certain African
countries. Very recently, a delega-
tion of Members of Parliament visit-
ed some African countries as a good-
will mission and we met certain
leaders of African countries.

We had to face certain propaganda
that has been mischievously and
mendaciously created by Pakistan.
In those countries the propaganda of
Pakistan was like this. There were
three major propagandas. One was
that though India claims to be a de-
mocratic country, India is fundamen-
tally opposed to self-determination,
which is neither a political sin nor a
crime. Secondly, much against jus-
tice and correct understanding of the
situations that have arisen, Pakistan
was successfully able to create an
impression in the minds of the Afri-
can countries, especially the leaders
of African countries....

Mr. Chairman: Will he resume his
seat for a second?

15.30 hrs.

MOTION RE: SITUATION ARISING
OUT OF RECENT EXPLOSIONS AT
LUMDING AND DIPHU STATIONS

Mr. Chairman: I have to announce
before the House that under rule 185
of the Rules of Procedure and Con-
duct of Business in the Lok Sabha,
the Railway Minister has given notice
of his intention to move the follow-

ing motion in the current session of
Lok Sabha:—

“That the situation arising out
of the recent explosions at Lum-
ding and Diphu stations on the
North East Frontier Railway on the
20th and 23rd April, 1966,
respectively resulting in deaths
of and injuries to a large num-
ber of persons and considerable
damage to property, be taken
into consideration.”

This will be taken up at 4 o'clock.

15.31 hrs.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—contd.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—contd.

Mr. Chairman: Shri Manoharan
may resume his speech.

Shri Manoharan: The next propa-
ganda of Pakistan was that India
aggressed and not Pakistan aggressed
against India. The simple reason
stated by Pakistan was that India,
a country having 46 crores of people
would be in a position to commit
aggression, not Pakistan with a popu-
lation of 10 crores of people, because
Pakistan was not in a position to do
so or even think of it.

The third one was that Islam in
India was in danger. We had to face
these three propagandas. While we
were explaining to the leaders of
African countries that Pakistan com-
mitted aggression and that Pakistan
was fundamentally opposing demo-
cratic canons and spirit, the imme-
diate reply that came automatically
from the leaders of African countries
was: How could it be possible for
Pakistan, a small, tiny country, to
aggress on India? The second thing
they told us was that Islam in India
was in danger. The leaders of Afri-
can countries were not at all inform-
ed that India is the third biggest
Muslim populated country in the
world.