

04-08-2005 - Discussion regarding terrorism in the Country including attack on Ram Janam Bhoomi Complex at Ayodhya.

Sir, I will be brief. Sir, I was wondering why Mr. Malhotra has raised this discussion because it is a discussion on terrorism and also on the developments of Ayodhya. Probably, while raising the discussion, he appeared like a doctor who is applying life-saving medicines to a patient who is critically ill – anxiety, concern and everything was there on his face. I think he wanted to somehow raise the morale – the sagging morale – of BJP by raising this discussion and creating a kind of frenzy.

Now, everybody knows in this country that when BJP – NDA – was in power, this Parliament was attacked, and POTA was there. We know POTA was there when Akshardam Temple incident happened. Now, the Review Committees are presenting their Reports. The country is looking aghast seeing how it was misused. But he was trying to say that POTA is a panacea for fighting terrorism. They could in-fight terrorism when they were in power, even with Pota in their hands.

Now, this country had the experience of various kinds of terrorists. Just after our Independence, we lost the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Ji; a terrorist killed him. We all know who was that terrorist. Two of our Prime Ministers were killed. This country lost many things. Who are those terrorists? Terrorists were there from the days of the massacre of Mahatma Gandhi. We could see that the terrorists are those religious fanatics who have such ideas of intolerance, who could intolerate anything they did not like. So, they killed Mahatma Ji – ‘the Man of Peace’, and that continued throughout. I have no time to explain all that. Sir, now what is happening here is that they want again to incite a kind of communal tension in this country?

Sir, a few weeks ago, when Mr. Advani was visiting Pakistan, he made a statement "The day the Babri Masjid was attacked, demolished, that was the saddest day in his life." I do not know whether he said it sincerely. He gave a certificate to Jinnah that he was ‘secular’. Now, what is happening here? While initiating this discussion, Mr. Malhotra said that we will, at any cost, build the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Is it so easy? Mr. Malhotra’s Party was in power for more than five years. Could they do that? It was not that they did not want it. He said: "It is Mecca; it is Vatican; and it is everything." He said that hundred crores of Hindus in this country are behind it. These are all big talks. How many votes did the BJP get of the Hindus? Had the people – the Hindus – in this country were as fanatic as Mr. Malhotra wanted them to be; then BJP would have been seated there in the ruling benches. They would have been in power. But the Hindu masses of this country are not the disciples of Godse.

They are not the followers of the BJP. That is why they are sitting in the Opposition benches despite the talk of ‘India Shining’ and everything, but India was not shining.

Sir, after the RSS had denounced Shri Advani, there was a cartoon. I do not know whether you had seen that or not. The cartoon showed that in front of the Parliament, like the *Bhishmapitamah* who was lying on a bed of arrows, Shri Advani was brought to the Parliament when the Session started and Shri Advani was shown lying on a bed of arrows and he says, ‘attack’ and we saw the attack of Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra here. The point is, the RSS is denouncing the BJP and the BJP cannot stand on its own. Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra wants to again create the frenzy of Ayodhya and he said: ‘we will liberate *Ram Janma Bhoomi* and we will build a temple there.’ They think that kind of madness should be created again. With that madness they will again try to mobilise people and try to come back to power. But I must tell them with all respect that this is again an illusion. The people of this country, even the Hindus of this country, are more intelligent than the leadership of the RSS and BJP.

Sir, this discussion is a very insincere discussion. They did not want to discuss the real question of terrorism. He raised the question of naxalites. Everybody knows it is related to the question of poverty, it is a question related to unemployment and it is a question related to land reforms. If we want to find a solution to the naxalite problem, we have to tackle those problems which incite those people. If we want to create communal harmony in this country, then let RSS and BJP learn to live in peace and harmony with the 15 per cent Muslims in this country. We cannot think of an India where the Muslims will be driven out and then we will have peace and we will not have terrorism. If we want to live in peace without terrorism, we will have to tackle the problems of poverty, unemployment etc. on the one side and on the other side we should try to solve the problem of religious frenzy created by people by putting one religion against another.

With these words, I conclude and I oppose this Motion.