

9 IN PARLIAMENT

WINTER SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

““Is shouting slogans going to help anybody? Are we in Parliament or in a bazaar? This has to be understood by all. I am pained because the image of not only of an individual Member but of Parliament also is going down.....Secondly, after I have called the next Question, the Member, whether he is satisfied with the reply or not, should sit down... Please see to it that we maintain decency and decorum.”

M VENKAI AH NAIDU, Chairman

LOK SABHA

“Fine. The House is in consensus? But remember, the ministers too will from now on have to speak from their allotted seats only.”

OM BIRLA, Speaker, after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi pointed out that many members were speaking from seats other than theirs.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If you want to answer your question yourself, why are you asking me?”

AMIT SHAH, Home Minister to Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury after the latter made repeated disruptions when the minister was speaking on Kashmir.

5 QUESTIONS



CONGRESS RAJYA SABHA MEMBER **RAJEEV GOWDA** DISCUSSES WITH **MANOJ C G** THE ISSUE OF FINANCIAL FRAUD IN THE SECURITIES MARKET.

You raised the issue of financial frauds that are taking place in the securities market. What was your point?

I raised the issue of customers and investors being defrauded by investment managers, that is brokers that handle investments and also by banks like BMC bank. My concern was that on one hand, these frauds and going on, and on the other hand, the regulators are not ahead of the game in terms of preventing and stopping them. The regulators are going ahead and coming up with measures to try and address the problem but they themselves are legally questionable and could land everything in litigation...

What was your demand?

This problem arises before there is certain amount of trust in the system. An investor gives a power of attorney to a broker to make trades and act on their behalf. That fiduciary trust is betrayed when they play games with their money...

What do you want the government to do?

I want the government to work with the regulators to ensure that these sorts of frauds don't take place.

What are these mechanisms that you want the government to put in?

If I knew that, I would have suggested them...

How will it affect the economy?

It will worsen things... In the overall scheme of things, the more trust you have in financial sector actors – brokers, mutual fund players and all – the more investment will go into India's industries rather than being put in gold or land. This is important because this will allow more companies to raise money, more jobs to be created...for the economy to grow...

LS passes Bill to extend reservation for SCs, STs

Prasad slams Oppn for reducing debate to Anglo-Indians, Oppn says states not consulted

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

AMIDST CRITICISM from the Opposition that the BJP-led government's legislative initiatives hurt minorities in the country, the Constitutional amendment Bill to extend the reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Lok Sabha for 10 years and to discontinue the provision for nominated seats for the Anglo-Indian community in legislative bodies was passed by Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

The reservation for SCs, STs and Anglo-Indians given for the past 70 years in Lok Sabha and state Assemblies was due to end on January 25, 2020.

The Bill was passed with 352 members voting in favour and none against it. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was absent from the House on Monday during the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, was present in the House during the voting on this Bill.

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad slammed the Opposition for reducing the debate to Anglo-Indians and “ignoring the 20 crore SCs and STs”. “I am accused of misleading the House. How can you say that when the Census Registrar says that the number is 2967” he asked. However, the Opposition has given notice for a privilege motion against the Law Minister on the same.

With the opposition attacking the government for not consulting with the states before doing away with the Anglo-Indian nom-



Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad in Lok Sabha *ISTV/PTI*

ination in the state Assemblies — 13 states have one nominated member each from the community in their assemblies — Prasad said the Bill being a Constitutional amendment, will naturally have to get passed by more than half of the total number of states.

Initiating the debate on the Bill, Congress's Hibi Eden argued that the data quoted by Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad was wrong and there are 3,47,000 Anglo Indians in the country. Citing a report submitted by a fact-finding team, set up by the Central government which gave its report in 2013, Eden said Anglo-Indians, who he said have contributed to the country's growth in different fields, is an ethnic community facing cultural erosion and education disability.

Making an emotional pitch for Dalit women and Anglo-Indians, DMK's M Kanimozhi targeted the treasury benches for not consulting the states before removing the provision for the state Assemblies. Pointing out that 13 states have the provision and five of them are in the south, she said: “This government is again and again interfering in the states' rights and it is taking away their rights in every single Bill.”

Criticising the government for its legisla-

tive initiatives that hurt the minorities, the DMK MP said: “Just because you have a majority does not mean that you have to hurt the minority. Yesterday, you brought a Bill which would hurt the Muslims. Today, you are bringing a Bill which is going to hurt the Christians. So, I think majority is not the only factor on which we should run this country.”

Pitching for Dalit women, Kanimozhi urged the members to see their status in the country. “You may see how many Dalit girls are insulted and raped. Do we raise our voices against these atrocities? Do we talk about that? Do we discuss that? In some ways, we come to accept it.” She also demanded that the government consider reservation for women “as they are also Dalits”.

Supriya Sule (NCP) demanded that the government support minorities within the country also by extending reservation for Anglo-Indian communities.

BSP's Girish Chandra sought that the reservation for SC/ST should be extended to private sector while Nama Nageswar Rao (TRS) said the Central government should expeditiously clear the proposal of states to extend reservation for OBC and other communities. NDA ally Apna Dal member Anupriya Patel also sought continued representation of Anglo-Indian community in legislatures.

BJP's Heena Gavit, who listed the initiatives by the Narendra Modi government for the weaker communities, urged the government to ensure that only genuine candidates belonging to SCs and STs get the privileges meant for the communities.



TRINAMOOL PROTESTS CAB

■ **A day before the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill is tabled in the Rajya Sabha, the Trinamool Congress on Tuesday said it was a matter of “majority versus morality and we will make the government bleed” in its efforts towards the passage of the legislation. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on Monday.**

■ **“This Bill is not about numbers. It is about majority versus morality and we will make the government bleed to pass this legislation,” TMC leader in Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien said. He also said that his party would move 20 amendments to the Bill to change its basic nature.**

■ **On an ongoing tussle between West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, O'Brien alleged the governor had not signed important legislation. Later in the day, the state Assembly was adjourned sine die due to lack of business in the House. The winter session was to run till December 13. Anil Sharma**

1.29 lakh people declared foreigners by tribunals in Assam: MoS Home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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OVER 1.29 lakh people have been declared foreigners by various foreigners' tribunals in Assam till October this year, the government informed Parliament on Tuesday. It said 1.14 lakh people who had challenged their status as foreigners had also been declared Indian citizens.

MoS Home Nityanand Rai gave this information during Zero Hour in Lok Sabha. The minister also said that among the foreigners deported this year, four were Bangladeshi nationals and two were Afghans.

“As per the information made available by the Assam government, 1,14,225 people

were declared Indian citizens by the foreigners' tribunals in Assam as of October 2019,” he said in a written reply to a question.

As per information made available by the state government, 1,29,009 people were declared foreigners by the tribunals in Assam, he said, adding that no child was declared foreigner.

A total of 4,68,905 matters were referred to the foreigners' tribunals in Assam as of October 2019, he said. All Foreigners Tribunals in Assam were constituted as per the provisions of The Foreigners Act, 1946 and The Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964.

The government also told the House that as many as 289 declared foreigners were detained in Assam in 2019 and 227 others were deported to their country of origin.

Over Rs 15 crore raised by auctioning PM's gifts, says govt

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

AN AUCTION of mementos received by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his official trips within the country has raised more than Rs 15 crore, Culture Minister Pralhad Patel stated on Tuesday.

Responding to a query in Rajya Sabha by BJP MP Rakesh Sinha on whether the mementos, gifts, etc presented to the PM from home and abroad have been auctioned, Patel said, “A total of Rs 15.13 crore has been received from the auctions of mementos, gifts, etc presented to PM from home.”

Since Modi became PM in 2014, three

such auctions have been conducted by the Ministry of Culture, Patel added - in February 2015, January 27-April 1, 2019, and September 14 to October 24, 2019.

During the most recent round of e-auction, as many as 2,772 mementos were on the block, including daggers, pagris, paintings, shawls, and almost one thousand portraits of the Prime Minister done by various artists in different media.

Several portraits of the Prime Minister received the highest-value bids during the October auction. For instance, an acrylic painting of Modi and Mahatma Gandhi with a tri-colour background, with a base price of Rs 2.5 lakh, received a bid above Rs 25 lakh; while a photo of the PM with his mother received a bid above Rs 20 lakh.

Shah: J&K admn to decide on political leaders' release

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HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Centre had no desire to keep politicians from Kashmir behind bars unless there was a requirement. He said the decision on their release would be taken by the local administration as his government does not interfere in the affairs of states and Union Territories.

Shah's statement came after Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury asked the government when political leaders, including sitting member and former chief minister Farooq Abdullah, would be released.

“There is no need to keep anyone (leaders) in jail even for a day more than that is required. As and when the local administration feels the time is appropriate, they will be released. You are asking about Farooq Abdullah. You (Congress) kept his father Sheikh Abdullah in jail for 11 years,” Shah said.

He reiterated that everything was normal in the Valley as school exams were registering over 99 per cent attendance, lakhs of people were being treated in hospitals, traffic was moving smoothly and not a single person had died of police bullets since August 5.

“As far as the people of Jammu and Kashmir are concerned, the situation is totally normal. But I cannot normalise the situation of the Congress. Because they had said here that there would be bloodbath in Kashmir after Article 370 is abolished. But nothing happened,” he said.

When Chowdhury pointed out that there was no political activity in the state and all politicians were behind bars, Shah said that panchayat and BDC elections were proof that political activity was happening in Kashmir. “You are not worried about the people of the Valley but its political activity,” Shah said.

Arms Bill gets Rajya Sabha nod

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THE RAJYA Sabha Tuesday passed The Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2019 by a voice vote with members across party lines lauding the government's decision to increase punishment for celebratory firing.

Members raised questions about heirloom weapons as the legislation proposes to allow only two licensed weapons against three permitted earlier.

The Bill was approved by Lok Sabha on Monday.

Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishen Reddy said that heirloom weapons can be deactivated and kept. He pointed out that most of the deaths in celebratory firings were by unlicensed weapons; only two of 959 deaths in Bihar, 14 of 792 in Jharkhand and 181 of 1,483 in Uttar Pradesh were by licensed weapons.

The minister said the government is putting in place a system in which every ammunition will have a serial number.

The Bill increases the renewal window for a firearm licence from three years to five years, besides changing the penal regime and making

SMS service messages resume in Kashmir

Srinagar: SMS messages, including 'one time passwords' (OTPs), resumed on Tuesday for 40 lakh subscribers in Kashmir following several requests from the public, particularly the business community, officials here said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration allowed service providers to resume machine-based messages, but subscribers will not be allowed to send any messages from their mobiles, officials said. Resumption of service messages will help the public, especially businesspersons, receive service messages from banks, they said. **PTI**

EU expresses concern over Valley restrictions

New Delhi: The European Union on Tuesday said it was concerned over restrictions on “fundamental freedom” of people in Kashmir and called for steps like restoration of communication network and essential services to bring back normalcy in the Valley.

European Union's Ambassador to India Ugo Astuto also said that Pakistan must take action against terror groups operating from its soil, including by choking their financial support and ensuring compliance of steps recommended by anti-terror watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

Astuto, at a media briefing, said the European Union understands India's security concerns, but insisted that steps should be taken to restore normalcy in the Valley, adding that the bloc's views on the matter remained unchanged since August. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HARYANA

In Compliance of the Orders Passed by Hon'ble Court in the following matters, the Provisional Gradation/ Seniority Lists of Lecturers now Designated as Assistant/ Associate Professor, as stood on 01.09.1997 has been uploaded on the web portal (www.highereduhry.com) of the Department on 08.12.2019 for inviting objections/ suggestions from the concerned.

Sr. No.	Case No.	Title	Date of Decision	Order Passed By
1.	CWP No. 8604 of 2007	Dr. Surindra Kumar Mishra and others Vs. State of Haryana and others	09.09.2010	Hon'ble High Court
2.	CWP No. 7828 of 2007	Dr. Saubhagya Wati and others Vs. State of Haryana and others	09.09.2010	Hon'ble High Court
3.	CWP No. 10429 of 2006	Dr. Swarnjit Singh Sidhu and others Vs. State of Haryana and others	09.09.2010	Hon'ble High Court
4.	CWP No. 1034 of 2009	Ms. Renuka Gambhir and others Vs. State of Haryana and others	09.09.2010	Hon'ble High Court
5.	CWP No. 1961 of 2006	Ram Kumar Chauhan and others Vs. State of Haryana and others	09.09.2010	Hon'ble High Court
6.	CWP No. 1580 of 2008	Madan Lal Vs. State of Haryana and others	23.01.2012	Hon'ble High Court
7.	Civil Suit 161 of 2004	V.K. Aggarwal Vs. State of Haryana	09.09.2010	Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Narnaul

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Objections/ Suggestions if any, are hereby invited from the Assistant/ Associate Professors working in the Colleges of Haryana Government. After receiving the Objections/ Suggestions, if any the said Seniority will be finalized.

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