

RAJYA SABHA

(1962)

Point of privilege

Reflections on a member on account of his speech in House by a newspaper

Facts of the case and action taken by the House

On the 8th may, 1962, Shri Bhupesh Gupta, a member, drew¹ the attention of the House to a report published in the Murasoli, a Tamil newspaper, dated the 5th May, 1962, regarding his speech made in the House on the Presidential Address. He stated:

In that issue of the paper it is said, 'Is he a Communist Leader or a goonda leader'? Then it is said that 'when he got his applause from the House his blind fury overpowering him, he spoke like a goonda leader, This is how the Communist leader, Mr. Bhupesh Gupta, spoke, like the Razakar leader, Kassim Rizvi'. Then a cartoon is given in which I and the Congressmen are shown as goondas."

Shri Bhupesh Gupta added:

"It is a gross breach of privilege. Even so, I would not bring a privilege motion here but I would like that the opinion of the House should be made known."

Shri Gupta did not pursue the matter further and it was treated as closed.

1. R.S. Deb., dt. 8.5.1962, cc. 2279-82