

# BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri Hurls Slurs At BSP's Danish Ali In Lok Sabha

## Why In The News?

- The BJP Parliamentarian From South Delhi, **Ramesh Bidhuri**, Hurlled A Series Of Offensive Words At A Muslim MP In The Lok Sabha On Thursday, Indelibly Scarring The Special Session That Should Have Been Known For The Passage Of The Women's Bill A History Making In Independent India.
- The Obscene Words, Fraught With Hatred For Muslims, Were **Expunged From Parliamentary Records By Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla**. But Danish Ali, The BSP MP Who Was Targeted, Repeated The Words At A Media Conference At His Home On Friday And In A Letter To The Speaker.

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### BJP asks party MP Ramesh Bidhuri to explain offensive remarks amid outrage

## Who Is Ramesh Bidhuri?

- A Two-Term MP, Bidhuri Has Been A **Three-time MLA Of The Delhi Assembly**. He Belongs To A Prominent Family Of Tughlaqabad , Which Has Been Associated With The **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)** For Decades. His Family Is Also Said To Have Contributed Significantly To The Area's Development.
- **In 2015, Five Women MPs From The Congress, CPM, NCP & TMC** Had, In A Complaint To Then Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Accused Bidhuri Of **"Abusive Behaviour"** And Using **"Sexist, Abusive And Derogatory"** Language In The House.

## Any Action Taken?

- **Ali Threatened To Resign From The Lok Sabha** If Action Was Not Taken Against Bidhuri And Demanded That The Matter Be Referred To The **Privileges Committee**.

- The Speaker's Response, A Stern Warning To The BJP Member, Dismayed The Opposition Parties And A Large Number Of Citizens On Social Media, Who **Demanded Bidhuri's Immediate Arrest.**
- Several Leaders Underlined That **Opposition MPs Had Been Suspended For Far Lesser Indiscretions** While Bidhuri's Outburst Had The Potential Of Disturbing The Communal Situation In The Country.



## Anger And Shock On Social Media

- Two Former Ministers, **Harsh Vardhan And Ravi Shankar Prasad**, Who Were Allegedly Seen Giggling When Their Colleague Was Attacking And Humiliating An Entire Community, Also Provoked Anger And Shock On Social Media.
- Prasad Said He Had **Never Supported Undignified Comments.** Harsh Vardhan Gave A Detailed Clarification Explaining How He **Enjoyed Good Relations With Muslims**, Being An MP From Chandni Chowk.



## What Is Parliamentary Privilege?

- They Refers To **Rights And Immunities Enjoyed By Parliament** As An Institution And **MPs In Their Individual Capacity**, Without Which They Cannot Discharge Their Functions As Entrusted Upon Them By The Constitution.
- According To The Constitution, The Powers, Privileges And Immunities Of Parliament And MP's Are To Be Defined By Parliament. **No Law Has So Far Been Enacted In This Respect.**
- A **Breach Of Privilege** Is A Violation Of Any Of The Privileges Of MPs/Parliament. Among Other Things, Any Action 'Casting Reflections' On MPs, Parliament Or Its Committees; Could Be Considered Breach Of Privilege.



## Committee Of Privileges In Parliament

- This Committee Consists Of **15 Members In Lok Sabha (10 In Case Of Rajya Sabha)** Nominated By The Speaker (Chairman In Case Of Rajya Sabha). In The Rajya Sabha, The Deputy Chairperson Heads The Committee Of Privileges.
- The **Committee Examines Every Question Involving A Breach Of Privilege** Of The House Or Of The Members Or Of Any Committee Thereof Referred To It By The House Or By The Speaker/Chairman.
- It Also Determines With Reference To The Facts Of Each Case Whether A Breach Of Privilege Is Involved And **Makes Suitable Recommendations In Its Report.** It Also States The **Procedure To Be Followed By The House** In Giving Effect To Its Recommendations.