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K.K. Tiwary's statement in the Lok Sabha on April 18, 1985

"The Sikhs appeal to the conscience of the fair minded people all over the world for sympathy and support in calling upon Mrs. Gandhi to stop state terrorism against the Sikhs ... and let them determine their own destiny with dignity and respect".

"This is important ... I think, such appeals are coming every day in the Foreign Press ... They have been playing with these things. They have been instigating and inspiring people to organise and perpetrate such things. Sir, what is intriguing is the presence of a person whose name is well known to India. A person called Deedar Singh Bains is the Chairman of the so called Board of Directors of this organisation which has put up this appeal for the "determination of destiny of Sikhs by themselves" and non-interference by the "fascist regime led by Mrs. Indira Gandhi". May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether this man called Deedar Singh Bains came and stayed here in Rashtrapati Bhavan which has a guest house where foreign dignitaries come and stay? Who allowed him here? He came here in 1983 and he stayed there. Along with him was another person called Jogi who was Customs inspector but suddenly he emerged in America and declared himself as a Guru and Yogi and started converting the Americans to Sikhism. This Yogi is called Bhajan Singh Jogi. Both Deedar Singh Bains and Bhajan Jogi were staying in Rashtrapati Bhavan complex. They are fomenting

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trouble in America. Their links are very very dubious. They are associated with Jagjit Singh Cauhan and Ganga Singh Dhillon and Ralph Singh who appeared before the so-called Human Rights Committee to depose against the Government of India and attacked the very concept of Indian unity and oneness.

I would like to know from the Hon. Minister as to how their stay could be possible. I praise the offices and the institutions that were developed to this country. They must not come under any doubtful shadow for it is the institutions which keep the country united. Individuals, come and go. But the institutions must remain powerful and vibrant and throbbing with life.

It is reported that a person who is described as the PR man at Rashtrapati Bhavan - this report has also come and I would like to know about it - has gone somewhere in Amritsar and disclosed the classified document relating to the Army operations in the Golden Temple. Who is this man? Who authorised him to do so? The highest office in this land is being dragged into this controversy. Therefore I would like to know from the Government of India as to how these things are being permitted. It is the underlings who do not have love for the country who are doing it...

Sir, I would also request you in particular because you are the custodian of the House to ask the Government to
clarify certain things which are happening. The reports are galore that certain unscrupulous elements are taking advantage of the situation under-mining the sanctity of our important office and important persons in the country..."

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