

Parliament not a bazaar: Naidu to Oppn MPs

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This is Parliament, not a bazaar (market)," Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said on Thursday before he adjourned the House for the day amid protests and sloganeering by Opposition MPs over not taking up a discussion immediately on Delhi communal clashes.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said a discussion on the "unfortunate" incidents in Delhi will be held in Lok Sabha on March 11 and a day later in Rajya Sabha.

The Opposition has agreed to allow Health Minister Harsh Vardhan to make a statement on the coronavirus situation in the country but Leader of House Ghulam Nabi Azad said no other business should be taken up other than



Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu conducts proceedings in the House during the Budget Session of Parliament, in New Delhi, on Thursday.

the discussion on Delhi riots after this. Naidu said he cannot run the House on conditions.

Soon after Vardhan made his state-

ment and MPs made their suggestions, Naidu went ahead by taking up Zero Hour.

Immediately, Opposition MPs were

on their feet protesting against not taking up Delhi riots for discussion. Since March 2 when Parliament resumed Budget Session after a customary three-week recess, Opposition has been demanding a discussion on the issue.

As the sloganeering continued, Naidu said, "This is Parliament, not a bazaar. No slogans will be reported either by print media or electronic media."

"If anybody gives notice and is present in the House and does not want to speak, I will not allow him for the rest of the session. He or she will not be given another chance during the remaining period of the session," he warned.

At 12 noon, Naidu said he was taking up Question Hour but sloganeering and protest forced him to adjourn the House.

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