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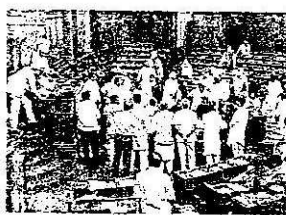
Sonbhadra, Karnataka disrupt House

Opposition raises slogans; Congress MPs stage protest outside Parliament

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The Rajya Sabha witnessed repeated disruptions on Monday as Opposition members raised slogans over the Sonbhadra killings, the political crisis in Karnataka and mob lynchings.

Proceedings were washed out in the first half of the session, with opposition MPs from the Congress, SP, BSP, DMK, Trinamool, CPI and CPI(M) among others, raising slogans since the start of the day. Earlier Congress MPs staged a protest outside Parliament against the Sonb-



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hadra incident. Soon after Deputy Chairman Harivansh called for the Question Hour around noon, Opposition members trooped into the Well and started raising slogans on various issues in-

cluding the political crisis in Karnataka and the killings in Sonbhadra.

Protesting members shouted slogans like "Dictatorship will not be allowed" and "*Dalit virodhi yeh sarkar, nahin chalegi* (anti-Dalit government will not be accepted)".

"The members in the Well are requested to go back to their seats and allow the Question Hour to continue," the Deputy Chairman said. As his pleas went unheeded, Mr. Harivansh adjourned the House till 2 p.m.

As soon as the House res-

umed, the Deputy Chairman asked Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai to move the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Raising a point of order, Congress leader Anand Sharma said members should get at least two days notice to file their amendments. Mr. Sharma said when Bills were not being referred to standing committees, members should be given time to submit their amendments to the Bill. He said the government was in a tearing hurry to pass the Bill.