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8 Opposition MPs suspended from RS for 'unruly behaviour'

Venkaiah rejects motion of no-confidence against Deputy Chairman Harivansh

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The Rajya Sabha on Monday suspended eight Opposition MPs for their "unruly" behaviour with Deputy Chairman Harivansh on Sunday during the debate and voting on two farm sector Bills.

Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu also rejected the Opposition's no-confidence motion against the Deputy Chairman, saying the notice was not in proper format.

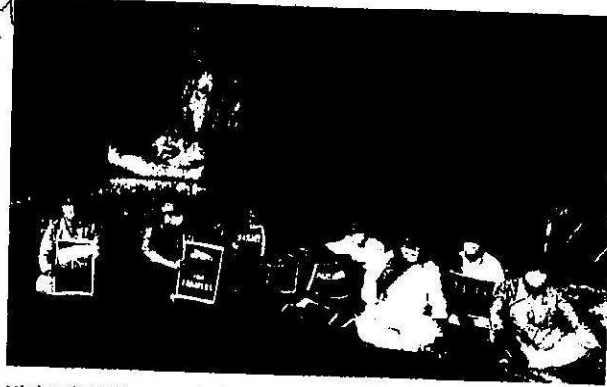
However, the suspended MPs refused to leave the House and the day's proceedings saw repeated disruptions and adjournments.

After four adjournments, Vice-Chairman Bhuvaneshwar Kalita adjourned the House till 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Speaking on the events of Sunday after the completion of Zero Hour and special mentions, Mr Naidu said the incidents were unfortunate and the image of Parliament had been "tarnished".

He said some members had entered the Hall of the House, thrown papers, broken microphones and abused Mr. Harivansh while the two Bills were being discussed. He added that the Deputy Chairman had been physically threatened.

"It pained me a lot because what happened yesterday in the House is unfortu-



Night vigil: Suspended MPs protesting on the Parliament premises in New Delhi on Monday night. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

nate, unacceptable and condemnable," Mr. Naidu said, adding that the members had also violated COVID-19-related protocols.

He said the Deputy Chairman would have called for voting, which was the demand of the protesting MPs, had the House been in order.

Mr. Naidu also rejected the Opposition's motion of no-confidence against the Deputy Chairman, saying the notice was not in proper format.

Stating that he had received a letter from Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad and 46 other MPs, Mr. Naidu said the no-confidence notice was not in the proper format, and the 14 day-notice period was not followed as the session is set to end on October 1.

The government then

moved a motion for the suspension of eight MPs - Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen of the Trinamool Congress; Sanjay Singh of the Aam Aadmi Party, Congress's Rajeev Satav, Syed Nazir Hussain and Ripun Bora; and K.K. Ragesh and Elamaram Kareem of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) - which was passed by voice vote.

Later, addressing a press conference, Mr. Naidu said the government's aim was the development in the Rajya Sabha, Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the suspended MPs had violated Rule 256 of the general rules of procedure by not leaving the House after being suspended.

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MPs launch indefinite sit-in

The eight Opposition Rajya Sabha members suspended on Monday began an indefinite sit-in within Parliament, even as 15 non-NDA parties appealed to President Ram Nath Kovind not to give assent to the two farm Bills passed in the Upper House on Sunday. The Opposition leaders will be marching to the President's House on Tuesday. PAGE 9

Need of 21st century: Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Monday that the farm sector reform bills tabled in Parliament were the need of 21st century India. He said that the minimum support price mechanism would continue. Attacking critics of the Bill, he said, "Some people are protesting against these reform Bills because control of farmers has slipped away from their hands." PAGE 9