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## **Liberhan Commission Report (Babri Masjid/Ayodhya Incident of '92)**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> postponement to indicate primary of lower over upper house

<http://www.thehindu.com/2009/12/04/stories/2009120454741000.htm> ; <http://www.financialexpress.com/news/Lok-Sabha-to-debate-Liberhan-Report-on-December-7-8/549607/>

- 1<sup>st</sup> postponement - Commission reports not provided in Hindi

<http://www.thehindu.com/2009/12/02/stories/2009120255211200.htm>

- Samajwadi Party to lead Opposition's agitation against Congress on Babri Masjid and other issues; Dec 6 declared a 'black day'

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/sp-goes-mulayam-on-bjp-says-will-attack-cong-rao-over-babri/549808/> ; [http://www.ptinews.com/news/405890\\_SP--Opposition-parties-to-protest-UPA-govt-s-policies](http://www.ptinews.com/news/405890_SP--Opposition-parties-to-protest-UPA-govt-s-policies) ; <http://www.newkerala.com/news/fullnews-3499.html>

- Disruptions in LS

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20091123/816/tnl-uma-bharti-defends-names-of-bjp-lead.html>

- Disruptions in RS

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20091124/816/tnl-pandemonium-in-raiya-sabha-over-libe.html>

- Cabinet okays Communal Violence Bill

<http://trak.in/news/cabinet-okays-communal-violence-bill/31048/>

- Uma Bharti terms report a "political document"; defends BJP leaders

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_liberhan-commission-report-a-political-document-uma-bharti\\_1316012](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_liberhan-commission-report-a-political-document-uma-bharti_1316012)  
<http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20091123/816/tnl-uma-bharti-defends-names-of-bjp-lead.html>

## **Forced adjournment of Question hour on November 30, 2009 causes embarrassment to all parties**

- Overview

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/site/Story/72977/LATEST%20NEWS/MPs+absent,+proceedings+collapse+in+Lok+Sabha+during+Question+Hour.html>

- Speaker's Comments

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/site/Story/73131/India/Absence+of+MP>  
<http://in.news.yahoo.com/43/20091203/818/tnl-question-hour-facing-crisis-speaker.html>

- Congress' Response

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/site/Story/73294/LATEST%20HEADLINES/Cong+seeks+explanation+of+truant+MPs.html>

- BJP'S Response

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/20/20091201/1416/tnl-bjp-confronts-its-mps-on-absence-dur.html>

- Interesting Commentary: QH Adjournment as symbolic erosion of Parliament

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Question-Hour-Many-dont-know-what-questions-are-being-asked-in-their-names/articleshow/5290186.cms>

## **Pranab Mukherjee loses temper in RS; BJP comments**

- Overview

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/site/Story/73127/Pranab+loses+temper+at+Brinda+.html>  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Ministers-on-short-fuse-erupt-in-Parliament/articleshow/5290049.cms>

- BJP's comments: Age is an issue, but does not apply to LK Advani

<http://www.zeenews.com/news583784.html>

## **First time female MP (Smt. Harsimrat Kaur of Shiromani Akali Dal) raises issue of anti-Sikh riots in 1984 in maiden speech; House deeply affected**

- "Badal Bahu conquers House with maiden speech"

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_badal-bahu-conquers-house-with-her-maiden-speech\\_1319469](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_badal-bahu-conquers-house-with-her-maiden-speech_1319469)  
<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article59109.ece>

- Particularly 'theatrical' analysis

<http://www.punjabnewslines.com/content/view/21479/38/>

- Response by Pranab Mukherjee, Leader of the House

[http://www.ptinews.com/news/404120\\_Anti-Sikh-riots-one-of-the-most-tragic-events--Pranab](http://www.ptinews.com/news/404120_Anti-Sikh-riots-one-of-the-most-tragic-events--Pranab)

- Reference to Women's Reservation Bill during maiden speech

<http://www.latestnewsline.net/india/address-female-infanticide-first-then-womens-quota-akali-mp/15702.html>

- Further links (courtesy of Dr. Spary)

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/12/03/stories/2009120360441000.htm>  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Akalis-raise-1984-Sikh-riot-issue-in-House/articleshow/5293496.cms>

## Shiv Sena MPs to speak Marathi in Parliament

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/Shiv-Sena-members-to-speak-in-Marathi/548793>

- Muslim Samajwadi MLA assaulted for reciting Oath of Affirmation in Hindi

<http://mangalorean.com/news.php?newstype=broadcast&broadcastid=154472>

- Footage: [http://twocircles.net/2009nov14/lanquage\\_politics.html](http://twocircles.net/2009nov14/lanquage_politics.html)

## Committee studying proposal for women's reservation may submit its findings within current session; Likelihood that Bill may be tabled in current session

<http://trak.in/news/womens-quota-bill-report-may-be-tabled-in-parliament/30330/>

## Samajwadi Party seeking to re-build ties with Muslim community following defeat in Assembly elections

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/32/20091120/1054/tnl-kalyan-out-muslims-on-sp-radar.html>

## Bhopal tragedy mourned in both Houses of Parliament and by Prime Minister

- In Lok Sabha

[http://www.mynews.in/News/Loksabha\\_pays\\_tribute\\_to\\_Bhopal\\_Gas\\_tragedy\\_victims\\_N31770.html](http://www.mynews.in/News/Loksabha_pays_tribute_to_Bhopal_Gas_tragedy_victims_N31770.html)

- In Rajya Sabha

[http://www.ptinews.com/news/405847\\_Parliament-remembers-Bhopal-gas-tragedy-victims](http://www.ptinews.com/news/405847_Parliament-remembers-Bhopal-gas-tragedy-victims)

- In Prime Minister's Speech

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/bhopal-tragedy-still-affects-indias-conscience-pm/106345-3.html?from=tn>

## MPs pay homage to India's First President

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/Dr-Rajendra-Prasad-remembered-/articleshow/5297870.cms>

## MK Azaghi's (Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers) absence in LS unobjected; Minister cannot reply to questions in English or Hindi (as he only speaks Tamil) as is required by convention

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/Azhagiri-absence-taken-for-granted/articleshow/5298544.cms>

## LS Adjourned as Trinamool Congress disrupts proceedings during Zero Hour due to political violence in Bengal

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/notsocold-bengal-war-hots-up-in-delhi/549827/>

## Leader of Telegana Rashtra Samiti contines death-fast; Houses of Congress Leaders in Andhra Pradesh attacked

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/43/20091202/818/tnl-trs-chief-on-fast-houses-of-congress.html>

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/TRS-workers-attack-Renuka-s-house/549223>

## Inquiry conducted on press coverage for cash scam during assembly elections

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20091204/FOREIGN/712039935/1002>

- "The gains from masking reality"

<http://beta.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article51034.ece>

## First debate on electoral poll reforms in 60 years remains inconclusive in LS

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/43/20091202/818/tnl-lok-sabha-debate-over-poll-reforms-r.html>

- Reforms (deemed minor) passed in Rajya Sabha

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/Rajya-Sabha-clears-electoral-reforms-Bill/546367>

## Housing unavailable for MPs of Lok Sabha

[http://www.ptinews.com/news/403462\\_MPs--housing-woes--Speaker-calls-meeting](http://www.ptinews.com/news/403462_MPs--housing-woes--Speaker-calls-meeting)