



## Press Release

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Today will be marked as the darkest day of Indian democracy. The manner in which the Government roughshodded the grossly anti-farmers bill was totally against any and every procedure and tradition laid out in the rule book.

The high-handedness and utter disregard for democratic tradition and norms seems to have become the new normal even in Parliament- the temple of our democracy. The Government bulldozed the anti-farmer bills at the cost of well established parliamentary procedures, rules and traditions. They were hellbent upon helping their crony capitalist friends by going to any extent, including denying discussion and division for passing the bills in the house. The members including myself had moved notices to refer these anti-farmer bills to the select committee for wider consultation and assessment. However, in an unprecedented tyrannical way the Government turned a deaf ear to our democratic rights. The very right to speak on the bill and seek for a division was completely negated through sheer and unjustifiable arrogance and authoritarianism. Such an unprecedented instance of undemocratic passage of anti people legislation was never heard of in the history of Indian Parliament. This is naked murder of democracy and parliamentary traditions. The Opposition Parties have unanimously decided to move a no-confidence motion against Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman for his anti-democratic and anti-parliamentary conduct in the passage of these bills. His actions amount to serious breach on the privileges of the members and killing of the very ideals he is supposed to protect under oath.