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But he said: you should not bother about those people. That is what I wanted to clarify.

Shri Frank Anthony (Nominated- Anglo-Indians): May I say something? It is really unfortunate that this has happened. I personally would like very much to have seen a Member from the Opposition chosen as the Deputy Speaker. As a matter of fact, I was at most of the meetings with the Prime Minister and I had hoped that some kind of a convention would emerge by which the Speaker would be from the ruling party and the Deputy-Speaker from the Opposition. I am sorry Mr. Masani is not here because quite frankly from what personal knowledge I have I think the responsibility for this convention not emerging rests primarily on Members of the Opposition. I was at the first meeting with the Prime Minister and I had a very clear impression that there was an implied understanding that the speakership would go to the ruling party and the Deputy-speakership to the Opposition. Mr. Dwivedy did not agree with me. After the vote I spoke to the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister. The Prime Minister told us that it was very clear and it had been communicated to Mr. Masani that there was an implicit understanding: speakership from the Congress Party and the Deputy-Speakership from the opposition. Apparently some Members - I am trying to be fair to some colleagues of mine on this side - did not approve of this; they wanted to reach for some more; they wanted some consensus.

Mr. Speaker: It is all over now.