



## I was testing digital security, says state minister after his obscene tirade leaked

### LEAKY BLINDER

Following an uproar about how a person in government could say the vilest things known to man in a phone recording, Murad Ghapla, the former state minister for monitoring free speech, has said that he only said those things as part of a monitoring exercise.

Speaking in a phone interview with Star Satireday following his arrival in Canada, Ghapla -- who resigned following the prime minister's directive -- said as a junior minister in the Chapasthan government it was his job to go there.

When asked if by "go there" he meant going to Canada after setting off a scandal in his home country, Ghapla laughed.

"Of course not, don't be stupid. If I wanted to say Canada I would have said 'come here', not 'go there'. By the way, where are you? You've gotta come here. I will send the mounties if you don't come here. Who's with you? Is she with you?"

Confused, this reporter asked what he meant by asking him to go there.

"Yes, you see, 'go there'. I went there that day. Went to the place where people say disgusting things. Anyway as I was saying, it is (sic) my job to see if disgusting things make it through to the public. So what I said to Kemon on the phone was just an exercise."

For the record, Ghapla called a male actor from a five-star hotel in Chapasthan and verbally sexually abused a female actor who was with him, threatening to rape her and calling her colourful names.

"You see, the digital security of our country is very important. It is imperative that we have a sense of decency among the youth. I heard that many youths in our country were talking in this manner, which only leads to acting these words out."

"I acted in the best interest. I wanted to see how long it takes for such vile things to leak. You never know, it could leak from the

front, or from the back. You never know. Apparently our digital security is pretty good because it took around two years to leak.

"Now, the other thing I have learnt is that videos on social media are harder to keep quiet, but I thought that would not have much of an impact because I was abusing the opposition. In fact, I only said all those things about the opposition leaders because, as a state minister, I knew the two-year-old conversation was about to leak and I needed the brownie points," Ghapla slurred over the phone.

He said the real villain of this whole saga was the person who leaked the audio in the first place. "That person has actually hurt our digital security."

Asked whether he was in the right state of mind when talking to the actors two years ago, he said, "Of course, and that is why I am in Canada now. I need to exercise that state of mind to keep serving my country longer."

IT'S JUST A "TRIAL & ERROR" PROCESS. YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DEALING WITH.



## Murad Takla no more?

### SHOCKED CORRESPONDENT

Following the prime minister's order to Murad Hassan to step down from his post as state minister for information and broadcasting, many people of the country mistakenly abandoned a rich cultural heritage.

For two days following Murad's ouster, netizens were shocked to see commenters on Facebook posts saying, "Nice lagchhe apu, chokh e pani chole ashchhe (looking nice sister, brings tears to my eyes)".

"Where is nyc lagca api? Where is it??" asked a Murad Takla enthusiast in despair after seeing the state of affairs.

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told that all was okay, he said, "Tanc ioo bae, akon ape dar daka aagar moto commant corta parbo (Thank you bhai, now I can comment when I see sisters, like I did before)."

## Lying is the new position of strength: CRICKET CAPTAIN

The captain of the national team has set off a new trend in the country after photos of him turning turtle in a Test match is being replicated on social media with the hashtag "Lying is the new position of strength".

### UNSPORTING REPORTER

The Bobcats lost the Test match, even though it rained more than two days out of five in Merepoor.

"How can you score runs if you defend? It is shocking that you have to ask this," the captain, whose name really does not matter, said. "It is very difficult to play defensively on this wicket. Actually, it's very difficult to play."

Even though they had to keep 20 wickets intact for less than two days, most of the Bobcats got out trying to play aggressive shots. On the second of the two days, they almost saved the match when they played some defensive cricket mixed in with judicious aggression, but the captain insisted that they lost because the team played too defensively.

On the fourth day, the captain was out while trying to take a single defensively, and fell over trying to complete the run, which resulted in a priceless photograph.

That was the photo that set off the trend and the hashtag. When this reporter caught up with a man lying down on the street and taking a selfie, he asked the man what the hashtag meant: whether the "lying" meant being untruthful or just lying down.

"Does it matter? The captain is doing it, it must be worth something," the man said and took the picture.



#lyingisthenewpositionofstrength.

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