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**Jammu agitation**

Sir,

That the Kashmiris are being harassed in Jammu (Letters, March 29) is indeed news for the residents of Jammu. What in fact witnessed here is that the Kashmiris have been moving about in the town freely, without as much as a word spoken them, even during the peak periods of the agitation. Violence during political agitation is (unfortunately though) is a nation-wide phenomenon and not peculiar to the Jammu agitation alone. This, therefore, needs to be debated at the national level. Like elsewhere it may be difficult to justify all the violence and destruction that has taken place in Jammu, but it must be acknowledged that violence, when ever it took place has always been directed against the Government and its agencies and never have the people of Jammu, not even during these moments of weakness, allowed their struggle against the Government to degenerate into a Dodger-Kashmiri conflict. As a matter of fact such a conflict would go against the interests of the Jammu movement and only those who are trying to suppress the movement could wish for such an issue to surface.

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