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Srinagar, Aug 15: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Friday said, "The statehood issue should not have been taken to the Supreme Court; it should have been resolved politically, as it is a political matter, not a legal battle." He questioned the identity and credibility of those who approached the Apex Court with a petition seeking the restoration of statehood. "They might be from the same political parties who had also taken the matter of Articles 370 and 35A to court, challenging their abrogation, which ultimately resulted in the court upholding the abrogation decision," He said.

Apni Party Chief made the remarks on the sidelines of a flag-hoisting ceremony at the party headquarters in Srinagar, where veteran leaders and senior workers gathered to mark the nation's Independence Day. However, the Independence Day celebrations were not held with fanfare in view of the tragic loss of lives in the Kishtwar cloudburst tragedy.

Speaking with the reporters, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "On the occasion of the 79th Independence Day, I extend warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. However, we are saddened today by the loss of precious human lives in the Kishtwar cloudburst tragedy. I am deeply saddened by this tragedy. We stand in solidarity with the affected people and the families who lost their loved ones in this devastating natural calamity."

When asked to comment on the Supreme Court's observation regarding the restoration of statehood to J&K, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "First of all, we don't know who approached the Supreme Court with the petition seeking the restoration of statehood. It is a political matter and should be resolved politically, not in court. Unfortunately, it often happens that whenever someone takes matters of a political nature to the Supreme Court, it causes damage to our interests. The same happened in the case of the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A, where the Supreme Court eventually upheld the decision to abrogate these articles."

He went on to say, "It seems that the same political parties, or their workers, are behind the move to take the statehood matter to the Supreme Court. They had also, unwisely, approached the Court over the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A."

He vowed that the Apni Party will expose those who frequently approach the courts with political issues, thereby making them more complicated and causing damage to the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He urged the UT government and the central government to verify the identity and credentials of those who have approached the Supreme Court over the statehood matter.

Besides Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, the prominent party leaders who were present on the flag hoisting ceremony, included the party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, Chairman of the party's Parliamentary Affairs Committee (PAC) Mohammad Dilawar Mir, Provincial President Kashmir Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Chief Spokesperson and state secretary Muntazir Mohiudin, Media Advisor & Media Panelist Farooq Andrabi, Political Advisor to the party President Khwaja Farooq Renzu Shah, State Youth President and Spokesperson Yawar Mir, Provincial Vice President Jagmohan Singh Raina, District President Kupwara Raja Manzoor, President Women's Wing Dilshad Shaheen, Spokesperson Ishrat Bashir, District President Srinagar Mohammad Shafi Mir, Provincial Secretary Kashmir Syed Najeeb Naqvi, Provincial Secretary Kashmir Shiraza Malik, Provincial Organizer Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Provincial Publicity Secretary Kashmir Muzaffar Ahmad Reshi, Provincial Coordinator Kashmir Shabir Ahmad Reshi, Provincial Joint Secretary Kashmir Tanveer Ahmad Bhat, Provincial Joint Secretary Kashmir Aamir Ashraf Bhat, Vice President Srinagar Aijaz Ahmad Rather, Vice President Srinagar Muzammil Rizvi, Vice President Srinagar Dr. Bilal Ahmad Mir, Vice President Srinagar and Constituency In-charge Central Shaltang Zaffar Habib, District Organizer Shoaib Dar, Constituency In-charge Zadibal Tehseen Farooq, Ward President Natipora Arjumand Makhdoomi, Ward President Hyderpora Sheikh Muzaffar Ali,

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