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Sir: The objection to the chanting of Hare Krishna kirtans in public places, by the police has brought to light the Congress Governments allergy to saffron colour. The police cannot be blamed for, objecting to the singing of kirtans by ISKCON devotees because they were only discharging their duties. This is yet another of the dictatorial designs of the Congress Government at the State and the Centre.

The chanting of kirtans by ISKCON divotees in public places has been going on unobjected for many years. This is probably the first time they faced the wrath of the police in India. It is unfortunate that the ISKCON which has its branches all over the world and is popular in Western countries has faced the government's wrath. It now appears that the Government and the police are unnecessarily creating confusion in the minds of the people by restricting their right to freedom of religion and worship. The constitution declares Rama and Krishna as the national heroes and if this is not respected by the Government, it has no right to continue in office.

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