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PM Urged to Clarify Trump's India-Pakistan Ceasefire Claim

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is under renewed pressure from the Indian National Congress to clarify former U.S. President Donald Trump's assertions that he mediated a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, allegedly preventing a major conflict. As Parliament prepares for its Monsoon session, the opposition is demanding transparency on India's foreign policy approach and the handling of cross-border tensions.

Former President Donald Trump recently repeated claims that he was instrumental in defusing a potentially explosive situation between India and Pakistan, stating he brokered a ceasefire that may have averted nuclear escalation. He credited U.S. trade diplomacy as the tool that facilitated the deal. Trump initially asserted on May 10 via social media, claiming that an understanding between the two nuclear-armed neighbors was reached after extensive behind-the-scenes efforts in Washington.

Congress general secretary in charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, responded sharply, insisting that Prime Minister Modi owes an explanation in both Houses of Parliament, the Lok Sabha (Lower House) and the Rajya Sabha (Upper House). Ramesh questioned the government's silence, saying, "The nation wants to know," and emphasized the importance of setting the record straight as Trump's claims continue to circulate globally.

However, the Indian government has consistently maintained that the ceasefire was the result of direct military-to-military dialogue between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan. According to official sources, the initiative for peace was triggered after Islamabad approached New Delhi in the wake of escalating cross-border hostilities.

The conflict followed a terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 civilian lives. In response, India launched **Operation Sindoor**, a focused counter-terrorism operation that targeted Pakistan-backed terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The mission was carried out with precision and resolve, demonstrating India's firm stance on protecting national sovereignty and addressing cross-border threats.

By May 10, both nations reached an understanding to end the confrontation. Yet, New Delhi has firmly rejected the notion of third-party mediation in bilateral matters, a principle rooted in India's longstanding foreign policy framework. Prime Minister Modi is reported to have reiterated this position in a phone call with Trump, affirming that India will not accept foreign involvement in regional affairs.

As the Monsoon session nears, all eyes are on whether the Prime Minister will directly address the matter in Parliament. For many, it is not just about Trump's statements; it is about reaffirming India's autonomy in managing its own security and diplomatic engagements.