

## ***Media offering opium to masses***

***: Justice Markandey Katju***



While delivering the Jhabarmal Sharma memorial lecture at Jaipur on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012, Press Council of India Chairman Justice Markandey Katju said the following.

“80% of the people in the country are facing poverty and unemployment. But the media keep the people drugged, so that they do not revolt against poverty and the terrible mess created for them. The nation is sitting on a volcano, but the media is offering four kinds of opium to the masses in the shape of religious bigotry, films, cricket and falsehood. The media is deviding the people on the lines of caste and religion, by creating an impression that Hindus alone have the first claim over the citizenship and others were second rate citizens. Minority communities are demoralized in various manners. This is unacceptable. I call upon the journalists to play a seminal role in promoting science and rational ideas in society and raise the intellectual level of the masses.”

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