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Title: Regarding demands of the people from Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars region.

SHRI RAJU BISTA (DARJEELING): In India, Darjeeling is the only place where democracy does not exist. Here, all publicly-elected offices are allegedly run by selected bureaucrats or political party nominees.

Since 2001, Panchayat elections have not been held here. Since 2017, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, an autonomous body, is allegedly being run by people nominated by political party. Since 2019, Darjeeling Municipality, one of the oldest Municipalities in India, is run by bureaucrats.

Despite generating huge revenues for West Bengal, Darjeeling hills, Terai, and Dooars are underdeveloped due to alleged discrimination by State Government, because of which, the demand for Gorkhaland state rises time and again.

The demand for Gorkhaland is not just for development but also, concerns the identity crisis being faced by 1.5 crore Gorkhas living across India.

A particular party is committed to finding a permanent political solution to the long-pending demands of the people from Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars region. I request the Government to expedite this process. ... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति : कृपया आप सभी अपनी-अपनी सीटों पर जाइए । आप थक भी गए होंगे । प्लीज, बैठिए । प्लीज को-ऑपरेट कीजिए ।

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति : सभा की कार्यवाही दो बजकर तीस मिनट तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है ।

14.09 hrs

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Thirty Minutes past
Fourteen of the Clock.*