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Title: Regarding trafficking to cattle in Ranaghat Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.

**\*SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR (RANAGHAT):** Hon. Speaker Sir, my Ranaghat Lok Sabha constituency is a bordering area adjoining Bangladesh. As it is a border area, smuggling, cattle trafficking, drug peddling used to be a regular affair. At present, because of the stringent actions taken by the Central Government, the situation is a bit under control. However everyday about 200 to 300 cows are detained and these are transferred to the temporary camps. But there is no proper arrangement for their upkeep, medical treatment or fodder in those shelters as a result of which, on an average 15 to 20 cows die daily. Moreover the farmers also face difficulties in performing agricultural activities on the cultivable land on the other side of the barbed wire fencing. These are the two major problems regarding which I had a talk with the State Government but the issues could not be solved. There is lack of proper system to take care of these cows, to feed them. The Central Government must take appropriate steps to stop such untimely deaths of cattle. It should also issue special permanent permits to the agriculturists to cross over the border to undertake farming activities. This will prove to be extremely beneficial to the common people of the region. Thank you Sir for allowing me to raise this urgent matter in this august House.

