

le: Regarding creation of 7 new districts in West Bengal and Nomenclature change of Murshidabad Districts.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I am a public representative from the Murshidabad district of West Bengal. The Government of West Bengal has recently decided that 7 new districts would be carved out in the State. I have no objection to the creation of new districts.

As newer States are created in the country, new districts can also be created, its natural. At present, there are 773 districts in the country. But people of my district Murshidabad, and the adjoining district Nadia, are being emotional, because Murshidabad is a historical district and Nadia is also a historical place. This Murshidabad was once the combined capital of Bengal, Bihar, Odisha. It was named after Nawab Murshid Kuli Khan. This district was created in the year 1706 and after 1790, the capital was shifted out by the Britishers.

Once Robert Clive had commented that Murshidabad was as rich and popular as London. The adjoining district of Nadia was regarded as the Oxford of East India and Asia. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was born there. So, the people of the region want that they should not be robbed off their history. There can be ten districts, but the names of Murshidabad and Nadia should not be erased. History of Murshidabad, culture of Murshidabad, emotions of the people of Murshidabad, traditions of Murshidabad must be respected.

Through this august House, I urge upon the Government of West Bengal to never change the nomenclature of Murshidabad and Nadia. Murshidabad district has been recognized as a treasure trove of history,

archaeologically, culturally, politically, economically. Sir, my only submission is that Murshidabad can be divided into East-West-North-South Murshidabad but the name of Murshidabad must be retained.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: You please do not reply.

... (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: There cannot be any debate like this.

... (*Interruptions*)

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... (व्यवधान)

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... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति : राम्या हरिदास जी, आप बोलिए ।

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति: केवल राम्या हरिदास जी की बात रिकॉर्ड में जाएगी ।

... (व्यवधान)... *

श्री अधीर रंजन चौधरी : सर, हमारी बात पूरी नहीं हुई ।... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति : दादा, आपकी बात पूरी हो गई । आप बैठ जाइए ।

... (व्यवधान)