

Title: Need to start census of Indian citizens residing in Indian Enclaves within Bangladesh territory-Laid.

Shri Amar Roy Pradhan (Choochbehar) : I draw the attention of the Government towards the poor living conditions of around two lakh Indian citizens residing in Indian Enclaves surrounded by Bangladesh territory. Their living condition is beyond description without any basic facilities/amenities till date. These Indians are completely at the mercy of people of Bangladesh, even more than 50 years after the Independence of India.

Now the work of census is going on everywhere in India, no Census work is going on in these Enclaves.

The Government of India have done nothing for the Census of these Indians residing in Indian Enclaves within the Bangladesh territory for the last more than 50 years, and on the other hand our Government always extend full cooperation for Bangladesh Enclaves within the Indian territory, where the work of census is being carried out by the Bangladesh Government regularly.

I, therefore, urge upon to take immediately necessary action so that the Census work may be started in these Indian Enclaves at the earliest.
