

**Title:** Need for all-round development of Kargil and Leh - Laid.

SHRI HASSAN KHAN (LADAKH): Sir, I represent Ladakh parliamentary constituency and I come from Kargil, a small town made big by the valiant fight and great sacrifices of the Indian Armed forces. Standing for the first time in this august House, I must first of all salute the patriotism, fortitude and soldiership of those brave sons of India who fought and drove away the enemy from every inch of motherland and in the process made supreme sacrifices.

While paying gratitude to the officers and jawans on behalf of the people of Leh and Kargil, I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government to the difficulties faced by the constituency. Perhaps, many do not know that people of Kargil have been suffering the unprovoked pounding of Pak Army for the last many years. The civilians are fighting this war alongside the Army as porters and guides and 40 of them including women and children have fell to the Pakistani shells and bullets. Our fields remained uncultivated, houses destroyed, livestock perished, trade, tourism and education system completely collapsed. I appeal to the Central Government for adequate rehabilitation and relief package to the inhabitants before the outset of long and harsh winter months.

Kargil is poised to be and must be a new pilgrim's centre of a resurgent India, the great nation to whom the 21st century belongs. Tololing, Tiger Hills, Batalik, Mushkoh, Yardor and Turtuk sectors have established the will and might of great Indian nation beyond any doubt and confusion.

People from all over the country are eager to visit these new shrines and pay homage to those valiant soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in defending the sovereignty of India. An airlink to Kargil and tunnel across Zogila are long overdue. This will give fillip to the tourism in Ladakh and strengthen the economic infrastructure of this most backward region of the country. Despite the sanction of Rs.430 crore plan to counter the Pak propaganda and Jammu and Kashmir, nothing concrete has come up for Kargil and Leh.

... (Interruptions)

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SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): He has not replied.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORI TRIPATHI (PURI): Sir, more than hundred people have died in a devastated cyclone hit Orissa. ... (Interruptions)

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SHRI BRAJA KISHORI TRIPATHI : It is a serious matter. You should allow us to speak for two minutes to raise this issue. The Government should reply regarding what measures the Government has taken.... (Interruptions)

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** आज ही चर्चा कर रहे हैं, प्लीज आप बैठिये, साइक्लोन के बारे में आज ही चर्चा कर रहे हैं।

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR): At what time?

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