

Title: Demand to take urgent action against the spurt of violence along the Indo-Bhutan Border.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, may I draw the attention of this House to the spurt of violence along the Indo-Bhutan boarder? It has been observed that insurgent and secessionist groups have stepped up their nefarious activities in this area. Sir, taking advantage of the inhospitable terrain, dense forest and other militant-friendly situation, insurgent groups of various shades from North-Eastern region have been converging in that area. That area has been turned virtually into a sanctuary for those insurgent groups. They are not only imparting training to the nascent insurgent groups of this area such as Kamtapuri, Bodos and Gorkha Liberation Organisation but they are also exploiting the situation for drug trafficking. Sir, if this menace is not nipped in the bud, then I think, it will become another militant hotbed.

The spill-over effects of such activities are being felt and experienced by the people of West Bengal also. As far as West Bengal is concerned, the police administration is so effete and emasculated that they are unable to combat the insurgent activities.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You are not to make a speech.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY : It is alarming to note that a few days earlier, armed battalion from Lalbagan was deployed in this area. But the police personnel refused to comply with the direction of the Commandant and furthermore they raised a banner of revolt. That police battalion belongs to the organisation run by the CPI(M). Therefore, I would request the Central Government through you so that in consultation with West Bengal Government, some kind of measures could be taken.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is it that you want from the Central Government?

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY : In consultation with the State Government, the Central Government should take some measures.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : In the name of raising a matter during `Zero Hour`, anything can be said in this House.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: `Zero Hour` is only to draw the attention of the Central Government.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY : The Central Government should take some measures so as to combat the insurgent and terrorist activities. West Bengal is very much known for red terrorism in the present time. Actually the capital city Calcutta has become a city of abductions and dacoity. People are left to themselves to take the onslaught of anti-social activities....(*Interruptions*) Therefore, measures should be taken by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government so that people of West Bengal can live in peace and harmony. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You should have concentrated only on the steps to be taken by the Central Government.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : What is happening today is that we have converted this House into an Assembly. Anything can be said right or wrong. The Government of West Bengal is not here. The Central Government cannot respond to this. So, anything can be said....(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Unfortunately, Members are indulging in such kind of activities. I cannot help it. This is after all the Parliament of India.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Who can respond to this?...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing of this kind will go on record.

(*Interruptions*) â€¦*