

Title: Request the government to plan a common vigilance with the State Government of West Bengal to check the influx of the terrorists and insurgent activities in the North West Bengal.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to convey to the Government a very serious matter which has been increasing for the last two years in the northern part of Bengal which I represent in this august House. Only one month before a serious explosion took place in a passenger bus running between Hili and Kumarganj in Dakshin Dinajpur district. Last year two serious explosions took place in New Jalpaiguri railway station followed by explosions in Cooch Bihar and Siliguri. North Bengal is located in a unique location. It has five districts bordering Bangladesh and two districts bordering Nepal and Bhutan. It is the gateway to the North-East States. The terrorists from various parts of India are finding a very safe refuge and shelter in Siliguri and northern parts of Bengal.

In a few cases, they have been apprehended. Sir, abundant fake currency of five hundred-rupee notes and one hundred-rupee notes is in the *mandis* and the innocent people, especially the farmers and the villagers, who go to the *mandis* are being penalised and victimised because they could not ascertain which is genuine currency and which is fake currency.

Sir, during my tour in my constituency, I found that several incidents are increasing umpteen number of times. Therefore, I plead before you that it is the time for the Home Minister of India to consult the Chief Minister of West Bengal to plan for a common vigilance, and to gather intelligence and to keep vigilance in such a manner that each point of Bangladesh border – in Dakshin Dinajpur with the hilly region, in Uttar Dinajpur, in Vishnupur, in Coochbehar and right at the border, in Rongpore district – is covered. On the other side, in Malda, Rajshahi district borders with Bangladesh and Phunshling in Alipurduars borders with Bhutan and Darjeeling district borders with Nepal in Viratnagar. These are the areas from where a huge number of people, who are of shady character, the terrorists, who may be linked with ULFA or ISI, are coming and almost destroying the peace in the North Bengal. Though at present, the State Government has posted DIG and IG rank officials there, still I consider that it is not enough. At each border point, BSF vigilance, along with the State and Union Government, is to be strengthened to meet the challenge. Even, I do not know whether Ghaisal railway accident was a result of man-made failure or a terrorist activity.

Sir, the situation is really very bad. Only twenty kilometres from my house, a bus was exploded. It is really a situation where I desire that the Union Government should take note of it. From the border areas of Kishanganj and Purnea, people are coming, taking shelter and doing activities here. Therefore, it is time to ensure the safety of the North-Eastern States and the North Bengal which is its gateway. For the safety of the Northern States and northern part of Bengal, the Union Government must immediately take cognizance of it and talk to the Chief Minister of West Bengal, without any partisan angle, to have a common unified command vigilance in the entire North Bengal to save the State from the influx of the terrorists and insurgent activities.