

**Title:** Regarding indiscriminate firing by the BSF Jawans on the people along the border areas of West Bengal.

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN (MURSHIDABAD): Sir, I would like to mention here a very serious incident which took place in the border area of West Bengal, that is, Murshidabad, Malda, Coochbehar, North-24 Parganas.

Sir, in those places, in the name of border protection, our BSF jawans are indiscriminately firing on the common and innocent people.

Sir, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, in the evening of that particular day, in Lalgola P.S., BSF people fired on the 11<sup>th</sup> Class student, who got First Division in the last Secondary Examination.

Sir, I would like to mention here that in the name of protecting the borders, the BSF *jawans*, unfortunately are picking up rice meant for the mid-day meals to be provided to the schools. I am very sorry to inform this august House that they are even lifting the cattle from areas that are quite far away from the border. I would like to submit that the common people here are suffering a lot on account of these activities of the BSF *jawans* in the border areas of West Bengal and Bangladesh. The BSF *jawans* even are refusing to recognise the identity cards of the people issued by the State Government, or an MP, or an MLA or a *Pradhan* of that area.

Sir, I would only like to urge upon the Government that we should come out with a favourable solution to this problem. It is because the situation in these areas are becoming grave day by day. These activities of the BSF *jawans* are even resulting in the increase of communal tension in these areas.

Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister, who is present here, to convey this message to the hon. Prime Minister, the hon. Home Ministers and other appropriate authorities so that a proper solution to this problem could be found out. Let the Government sit together with the local representatives of the area and the local administration to find a solution to this problem and save the people of this country from this harassment.