

Title: Need for modernisation of Tripura Police Force to combat Cross-border terrorism.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA WEST): Tripura has a long-standing problem of terrorism, which inhibited the rapid development of the State. Since terrorists have bases in Bangladesh and they are being aided and abetted by ISI and other foreign agencies, the Central Government has a critical role to play. The requests to the Central Government for effective border management to stop cross border terrorism have yielded little result. As per BSF norms, the deployment of BSF along Tripura--Bangladesh border is most inadequate. Fencing work of the entire 856 kms. of Tripura border with Bangladesh has been slow. In fact, the work is totally stopped now. Hence, the State police faces a serious problem in handling the much better armed terrorists. Therefore, I strongly demand that the Central Government must immediately fulfil the modernisation needs of the Tripura forces and take steps for effective border management.