

**Title:** Situation on the Indo-Nepal Border.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, all of us are watching with great dismay that our neighbouring country, Nepal, which is fast degenerating into a civil war and anarchy.

Sir, the volatile situation in Nepal certainly would not augur well for India in view of the strategic location of the landlocked Himalyan Kingdom and the greater Nepal concept, as propagated by Maoist insurgents.

Sir, it is also a fact that hostile forces towards India are thriving in all our immediate neighbouring countries, thus threatening the inner circle of our security.

Sir, already a state of emergency has been imposed and a large number of Maoist insurgents have been sneaking into India.

Sir, at least, five Indian States are in close proximity with Nepal, which has become a conduit for arm smuggling, for smuggling of fake currency and other anti-national activities. Therefore, Sir, keeping this situation in view, the Government should take immediate measures. It is surprising to note that the Government has not yet come out with any clear statement. On the one hand, Maoist insurgents are accusing India that it is an imperialist country and, on the other hand, the other section of Nepal are accusing that India is providing safe shelter for those Maoist insurgents. That is why, we are becoming soft targets for these accusations. However, the Government has totally kept mum in this regard.

Sir, this Government must make a statement because it is our neighbouring country and the situation is becoming volatile.