

Title: Need to have cordial relations between locals and paramilitary forces along borders in West Bengal. -Laid

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN (MURSHIDABAD): Sir, my constituency, Murshidabad in the State of West Bengal, shares a long borderline about 100 km. in length with Bangladesh. As is natural, the BSF jawans are guarding this long borderline at some points. But unfortunately, it is alleged that the BSF jawans are so often overstepping the jurisdiction of their supposed duties. Local traders are also complaining that merchandise are being seized by the BSF officers without any seizure list being provided to them. Such practices are scaring away traders and villagers so much that the local 'hats'" cannot sit as per schedule. It is learnt that the houses of local residents are being searched. Such incidents have occurred at Sagarpura in Jalangi Block, at Sheikhpara in Raninagar Block and at different places in Lalgola Block within the constituency. This has very often led to the skirmish between the local people and the BSF jawans.

Before the situation worsens further, I urge upon the Government to take the local panchayat bodies, administrative officials, MLAs of the concerned areas into confidence and ask the BSF authorities to sit with them to find out ways to put an end to such undesirable incidents and bring back normal relationship with the locals.