

Title: Need to address issues relating to rehabilitation of the people of Karimganj, Assam affected due to the barbed wire fencing of the border with Bangladesh.

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIDYA (KARIMGANJ): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise a very important matter relating to the Indo-Bangla border, and internal security of our country. Sir, the Government of India has decided to construct barbed-wire fencing along ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Give me the list. Now, I will name you. Do not think that it is funny. I am not amused.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIDYA : Sir, the Government of India has decided to construct a barbed-wire fencing along 150 metres inside the Indian territory, that is, from zero-point of the border. If this boundary wall is constructed within 150 metres of the zero-point, then about 2,500 families in the Karimganj Municipality Area will be left outside the barbed-wire fencing, and half of the Karimganj wholesale market will be left outside the barbed-wire fencing. There is also an Indo-Bangla Trade Centre, which will be affected by this.

In the first phase a boundary wall was constructed, and it has left about five villages outside the fencing, and these people were living outside it. These people have to come through a BSF gate between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. They can remain in the mainland of India for these 12 hours. During the rest 12 hours they live in no-man's-land, and without any security. So all Indian Citizens must be within the boundary wall.

I would say that this boundary wall is a necessity and it is welcomed by all, but it should be constructed along the river bank, which is about 50 metres from the Border. I am saying this because the boundary is mid-stream of the river. Thank you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Shri George Fernandes, on this subject you have given a notice.

...*(Interruptions)*

श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज़ : तहलका का नाम, उधर से मत लीजिए, नहीं तो मुझे बताना पड़ेगा कि उसका क्या मतलब है ? *(व्यवधान)*

MR. SPEAKER: I will try to accommodate everybody. There are, at least, 38 hon. Members.

...*(Interruptions)*

KUNWAR MANVENDRA SINGH (MATHURA): Sir, I am requesting you to give me two minutes.

MR. SPEAKER: There is a method of making a request.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): Sir, what is he doing?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. George Fernandes, you have given a notice on the issue relating to the Press Trust of India. You kindly mention about your matter.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR (BANGALORE SOUTH): Sir, why are they behaving like this? ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Let me control it. Please sit down.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Why are you interrupting? I am talking on your behalf. Why are you getting up again and again?

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. George Fernandes, you have given notice about the attack on the employees of the Press Trust of India. Please refer to it.

श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज़ : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे उसी पर बोलना था, लेकिन इन्होंने तहलका का नाम ले लिया, इसलिए मुझे *(व्यवधान)*

अध्यक्ष महोदय : श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज़, छोड़िए। Mr. George Fernandes, you are a very senior Member, and you can ignore it.