

Title: Need to send additional forces to Tripura to check insurgency in the State.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA-WEST): Sir, Tripura has been facing the scourge of terrorism for the last three decades. Being a land-locked hilly State, it has 856 kms. long international border with Bangladesh. The extremely porous border continued with the inhospitable terrain in many parts result in smuggling, borders crimes, infiltration and free movement of terrorists across the border. There are three main terrorist outfits operating in Tripura. They use Bangladesh as a safe sanctuary and have about 50 camps there. The State Government has made all efforts to tackle the situation. I urge the Government of India to meet the following demands immediately for effective tackling of terrorism in the State:

Two CRPF battalions which were withdrawn from the State be restored at the earliest for effective counter insurgency operations.

Sanction for raising of three more Indian Reserve Battalions of Tripura State Rifles be given. The capital cost on construction and company headquarters as also the recurring expenditure for the first five years should be borne by the Government of India.

23 Battalions of BSF are needed for guarding Indo-Bangladesh Border along Tripura. At present, 12 battalions of BSF are posted. Adequate number of BSF should be deployed at the earliest for effective manning of border.

One helicopter be provided exclusively for BSF in Tripura for maintaining their remote BOPs.