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SHRI SUBRATA BOSE (BARASAT): There is one very beautiful garden in Eden Garden, Kolkata which is along the bank of River Ganges. Some years back, it was opened for general public but due to some dispute between the State Government of West Bengal and the Ministry of Defence, the garden has been closed. The dispute is over charging of entrance fees by the Government of West Bengal. The Government of West Bengal wants to charge a nominal fee with which the day to day management of the park can be done very well. This is practical and the Ministry of Defence is against this. Due to this, the general public at large is not able to enjoy the open space available there. There are very few open spaces available in Kolkata. I request the Hon. Minister of Defence to intervene in this matter with the Government of West Bengal on an urgent basis and to reopen the park at the earliest so that the public can enjoy and have a good time there.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Kuldeep Bishnoi - not present.

Shri Jashubhai D. Barad - not present.

Shri Iqbal Ahmed Saradgi.