

Title: Need to give wide publicity to celebration of first war of Independence known as 'Sepoy Mutiny' (1857).

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): First War of Independence popularly known as 'Sepoy Mutiny' (1857) to be recently celebrated in various parts of the country in memory of those brave sepoy's along with unsung heroes. It is an acknowledged fact even substantiated by historical evidence that 17th native infantry stationed in Berhampore, District Murshidabad, West Bengal had rebelled against the operation and discrimination meted out to the Seepahis in the month of February, 1857. It is also a fact that the British officials instead of taking disciplinary action against those mutinous Sepoy's rather settled with them as they perceived any punitive action would have been proved disastrous for their existence in Berhampore. Later the same infantry was disbanded. Again this year (2007) also is remembered as the 250 anniversary of Plassey Battle which culminated in the defeat of Independent Nawab namely Seerajdullah.

I urge upon the Government to give necessary publicity of the said incidents so that the historical events are known to each.