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Title: Need to impress upon the Government of Bangladesh to ensure safety and security of Hindus and other minority communities living there.

SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA (SILCHAR): Unfortunately, atrocities like targeted attack against temples, open theft of Hindu property and rape of Hindu women and enticements to convert to Islam have increased sharply in recent years after the Jamaat-e-Islami joined the coalition Government led by the Bangladesh National Party. It is said that the Jamaat is totally and openly backed by Pakistan and the ISI. On the other, there is terrorist outfit like Huji. With the help of the BNP, anti minority forces have started heinous acts against Hindus and Buddhists.

The International Crime Tribunal of Bangladesh sentenced to death Delwar Hussain Sayeedi, the vice President of Jamaat-e-Islami who is notoriously known for his hatred for non-muslims. The people of Bangladesh rose in protest against the verdict of the Tribunal. This movement was led by Jamaat-e-Islami and BNP. It is so unfortunate that the main purpose of the protest is to attack Hindus and Buddhists and destroy their houses and businesses, vandalize their temples, set them on fire and rape the Hindu women. Many Hindus and Buddhists had to flee to India for safety of lives and their women folk. The criminal attacks on Hindus took place mainly in Chittagong Division and districts scattered all over the Bangladesh.

I request the Government of India to take up seriously the matter with the Government of Bangladesh to ensure safety of Hindus and other minorities and also protect their business, property and honour.