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Title: Need to allow His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Urgen Trinley Dorji to visit Sikkim.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM): Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity on this very last day of the Session to speak and I bring forward a very important issue to this august House, through you Chairman Sir. ...(*Interruptions*)

Sikkim has been asking for Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorji's visit for a very long time. The Chief Minister of Sikkim, Dr. Pawan Chamling, has written several letters and has demanded that he be allowed to take his rightful place in Rumtek Monastery, but for some reason, the Ministry of Home Affairs has not granted this particular permission. It is like the tail wagging the dog or the dog wagging the tail and I do hope that it is the tail wagging the dog. I demand that this particular demand of Sikkim may be allowed to take place and that Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorji may be allowed to go to Sikkim. ...(*Interruptions*)

Thank you very much. ...(*Interruptions*)