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Title: Need to give moratorium on debt payment to West Bengal by the central Government.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): Sir, on this International Mother Tongue Day, I want to remind the House that Bengalis have shed their blood for the sake of their mother tongue. The movement that started in Dhaka in 1952 led to the creation of Bangladesh but today the Bengalis are in a bad condition because of the apathy of the Centre...(*Interruptions*) The Left Front Government in Bengal left a debt burden of Rs.2 lakh crore for which the State Government is having to pay Rs.29000 crore in principal and interest this year. For the last few years, we have been petitioning the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister to give us a three year moratorium on interest payment but they have not done it so far because of political reasons...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, we want to emphasize that West Bengal has solved the Maoist problem in Jangal Mahal. West Bengal has sorted out the Darjeeling problem of divisive forces but today there is no money left for the development. It is because the Centre would not move a little finger to give relief in debt burden...(*Interruptions*) I demand that a moratorium on debt payment be given immediately to West Bengal by the Centre! (*Interruptions*).