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Title : Problems being faced by people in Lalgarh, West Bengal due to operation of security forces against naxalities.

DR. TARUN MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise this most serious issue in this House and bring to the notice of the Government.

Sir, in the areas of Lalgarh, the jungle mahal of West Bengal, combined police operations both by the State Government and the Union Government are going on now in the name of containing the Maoist problem. Even after three weeks of this combined operation, no sensible Maoist has been arrested or killed or taken into custody. The real genuine democratic movement of the people of those most deprived regions, that is, West Midnapore, Bankura, Purulia, etc. which are adjoining to Jharkhand area, are demanding for water, food, nutrition, health, jobs and education which is being crushed by state armed forces.

Another submission is that no Maoist in our country does ever organize people's movement. Sir, this is the people's movement. I would like the Union Government to investigate into the matter that who are responsible for putting out some landmines and under that plea, the whole people's movement has been branded as a Maoist movement. So, we are keen to know who are those actually playing behind to put these landmines? The Government should immediately withdraw these combined forces. I consider that the Union Government is guided actually by the West Bengal Government. Due to deprivation of the people of this region for the last 32 years and who were exploited inhumanly since Independence, they have become dissidents and are causing movements against the ruling Government in West Bengal. Now having become dissidents from CPI(M) when they came down to the democratic movement, the West Bengal Government pursued the Union Government successfully to brand it as a Maoist movement. So, it is absurd and it is not right to destroy a democratic movement. So, I would like to appeal to the Union Government to review the matter, and immediately withdraw the combined forces. These combined forces, instead of restoring peace in those areas, are creating nuisance, and even the drinking water spots like wells, houses and schools are being damaged by them.

Sir, a few days back, one Adivasi woman remained in a school camp for six hours in a pool of blood after delivering a baby. There was no person from the civil administration or police to cut the umbilical cord of that baby. Even the reputed people like Medha Patkar, Aparna Sen, Saoli Mitra are not allowed to enter those areas. Practically, behind those combined forces, the CPI (M) people are again recapturing those areas for causing oppression to those people. A war situation has been created and oppressed people of those areas kept cut off from the outer world. I would like the Union Government to investigate this matter. I would also urge upon the Home Minister to visit that area once.

1. Sir, being a new Member, I would like to make one simple submission to you that though the Business Advisory Committee has decided to take up only five matters of Urgent Public Importance during 'Zero Hour', after seeing the situation of this august House at this late hours, the highest House of the Indian democracy, at least ten to twelve matters of Urgent Public Importance should be taken up during 'Zero Hour', in the beginning ...(*Interruptions*) We would not only like to bring these important matters to the notice of the Government but to the people of the nation also through hon'ble MPs.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please do not discuss policy matters. You have made your suggestion. Please sit down.

DR. TARUN MANDAL : Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the House stands adjourned to meet on Monday, 13th July, 2009 at 11 a.m.

18.07 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Monday, July 13, 2009/Asadha 22, 1931 (Saka).

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