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Title: Regarding violent incidents that occurred in Garo Hills of Meghalaya.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (GUWAHATI): Sir, I am raising a very sensitive matter of urgent public importance. It is regarding violent incidents that occurred in the Garo Hills of Meghalaya from 1<sup>st</sup> January and continued unabated for 10 days. During the violence, houses and properties of Rabha Tribe people, who are the minority population in Garo Hills, were burnt down. A total of 16 villages were gutted. Their properties were looted. It is said that nearly 10 people were killed and 31,000 Rabha Tribe people fled to Assam. Those people are still reluctant to go back because they are afraid of their security.

Sir, a few delegations comprising of different sections of people met the State Home Minister and requested him that proper security arrangements may be made for those minority Rabha Tribe people, who were living in the Garo Hills.

Therefore, Sir, I would urge upon the hon. Home Minister to take immediate steps to rehabilitate all those uprooted Rabha Tribe people and to bring back normalcy in the Garo Hills. People of all sections had been living there peacefully for ages together. We want that peace and normalcy be restored there so that those Rabha Tribe people may go back to their respective homes in Garo Hills, Meghalaya instead of living in the camps in Assam.