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Title : Issue regarding increasing incidents of Maoist violence in the country.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam, Maoist violence is turning bad to worse. Not only the MLA of Laxmipur, Mr. Jhena Hikaka, has been abducted and already eight days have passed since this happened, but also the Italian who was abducted is already in the custody in the forest of Kandhamal for the last 13 days. ...(*Interruptions*)

Violence has been occurring in parts of Andhra Pradesh; parts of Chhattisgarh; and also in Maharashtra. I would urge upon the Government to actively participate in the discussions with all the respective State Governments and take adequate steps....(*Interruptions*)

A recent occurrence has happened yesterday. The fast-track court of Odisha has acquitted -- one of the demand, which was made by the Maoist for their release -- Gananath Patra. This has already happened. ...(*Interruptions*)

Let us try to establish peace and tranquility in the forest area, and make every attempt so that these two people get released immediately. Thank you, Madam. ...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER:

Shri Shivkumar Udasi and

Shri Devji M. Patel are allowed to associate themselves with the matter raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.

...(*Interruptions*)