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Title: Need to expedite the setting up of the proposed army Station in Murshidabad district, West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): District Murshidabad is situated in a strategic location in West Bengal. It consists of more than 70 lacs of population bordering the neighbouring Bangladesh. It is widely recognized that hostile neighbours are keen to destabilize our country often find it convenient to aid and abet the insurgent, terrorists operating from Bangladesh although the situation has been drastically changed right under the present dispensation in Bangladesh.

In view of the fact that the central part of West Bengal does not have any army establishment unlike north and southern part of the State and may become vulnerable in any emergency situation. Earlier Ministry of Defence took an initiative to set up an army station in the district but no tangible progress has been observed so far.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to expedite the setting up of the proposed army establishment in the Murshidabad district, West Bengal which will help plugging the void in the security perspective.