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Title: Regarding increase in number of extremist groups due to poverty and unemployment in North-Eastern States.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (GUWAHATI): Sir I am deeply perturbed to say that extremist activities in the North-Eastern Region are on the rise recently. Recent disturbance is caused by way of smuggling, snatching of arms, kidnapping and murder. It is going on unabated in this region.

Sir, I would like to say here that there is illegal mining of coal mines in the parts of Arunachal Pradesh bordering Nagaland. There, some unscrupulous traders are smuggling coal and probably they also help the extremists to go there.

Sir, recently in parts of Assam and in parts of Arunachal Pradesh also, Maoist activities is going on. A lot of small boys are joining there. Why are they joining and what is the reason behind it? They are joining because they have got no other means. They get small amount of money and because of that they take to arms and kill somebody and indulge in smuggling. That is why I am requesting through you to the Government that the Government should take steps so that these boys may be given some sort of earning and also in those areas where extremist activities are growing, in those areas there are no roads and no bridges at all.

Sir, I would like to mention one point here that recently the hon. Minister of Home Affairs, Government of India, visited Arunachal Pradesh and he denied the existence of the extremism in those coal belt areas. This is unfortunate. So, this will ignite more of these activities.

So, I would request to the Government that they should accept it and they should try to do something so that extremist elements in those regions may not disturb the very fabric of the society.