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Title: Regarding shifting of the border outpost of BSF to the Zero point.

SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN (MURSHIDABAD): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to draw the attention of our Home Minister to this very important issue.

So far as my constituency is concerned, there are at least sixty to seventy kilometers of Indo-Bangladesh border. Some BSF outposts are there which are situated at least 10 kilometres inside our country from the zero point. Thousands of people are living between zero point and B.O.P. When I was going to visit Char Paraspur on 19th February, 2015, I was also stopped by B.S.F. at the outpost. After detention of 45 minutes, one officer came and allowed me to go. Meeting with the villagers of Char Paraspur, I came to know that everyday those people who want to go outside i.e. school, college, market, health centre and Government offices, etc. are bound to deposit their Identity Cards to B.O.P. It is almost impossible for them to purchase cows for milk or cultivation. It is also very hard for their relatives to meet them on any occasion without submitting Identity Card. If they want to build their own house, it is also very hard to seek permission from the B.S.F. to carry building materials. Some robbers from Bangladesh cross the border without any obstacle and loot their cattle.

So, I have some questions to our hon. Prime Minister and the Home Minister. Are not these people Indian citizens? Actually, they have no constitutional rights except voting. But they are always bound to carry out duties for our country. Why B.S.F. will set up check post inside 10 kilometres from the border? Why the B.S.F. outposts will not be prepared near zero point? Hence, my demand is: please shift the border outpost to border area and stop the harassment of common people.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Those who want to associate with him may send slips.

…(*Interruptions*)

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Abhijit Mukherjee is permitted to associate with Shri Badaruddoza Khan with reference to his 'Zero Hour' issue.