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Title: Issue regarding fencing the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Indo-Bangladesh border needs to be secured. Our border with Bangladesh runs through the States of West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Mizoram and Meghalaya. It is a porous border. The two countries have no natural barriers and just a handful of pillar marks is the dividing line for most part of the border. Three issues have come up which have led to a hoard of problems. The first is the illegal immigrants encouraged by vote seeking politicians on this side of the border, the second is the influx of millions of Bangladeshis which has threatened the ethnic identity of the indigenous population and the third is because of porous border, there is illegal trade of cattle, narcotics and weapons. The Parliament approved a plan to fence the border as part of the Assam Accord. But nothing much has been done in this direction.

So, I would urge upon the Government of India to come out with a factual position on border fencing in the Indo-Bangladesh border and to take steps jointly with Bangladesh to check illegal movement of people and cattle.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Shri Ram Prasad Sarmah and

Shri Shivkumar Udasi are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.