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Title: Requests the hon'ble Home Minister to provide support to the West Bengal Government to prevent criminal activities in the State in future.

SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR (DUMDUM): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Members of this House towards a news item which was published in a Calcutta newspaper on the 15th of this month. It says that the U.P. Police gunned down the criminals at Park Street, Calcutta. This House should appreciate the courage and dedication of the U.P. Police. But at the same time, I am expressing my great concern over the matter that now West Bengal has become the safest shelter for the criminals, extremists and also the Mafia. I demand that the Union Home Minister should provide adequate support to the West Bengal Government so that these types of activities would not occur in future.

MR. CHAIRMAN : There are a large number of Members who have given notices to speak during 'Zero Hour'. If we have to extend 'Zero Hour', then we have to skip our lunch-hour. So, I want to take the sense of the House on this matter.

SHRI AJIT JOGI : Sir, we have no objection and we can dispense with the lunch-hour.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If anyone wants to have his lunch, he can go.