

Title: Regarding the worsening security situation in Meghalaya state due to influx of insurgents from Bangladesh.

SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH (SHILLONG): Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the last seven days, there has been an unprecedented massive security combing operation in Meghalaya, one of the most insurgency affected States in the country, which is represented by the former Speaker, Shri P.A. Sangma, and myself. The security operation is under the command of the Indian Army, which I learnt is about 8,000 strong. This is caused by heavy influx of insurgents owing allegiance to many outlawed insurgent outfits fled away from Bangladesh and now taking sanctuary in the central part of Meghalaya.

There have indeed been many instances of security personnel raiding the hideouts of the suspected militants, seizing of arms and ammunitions and incriminating documents. This is one part of it. But unofficial reports suggest that the security personnel have overstepped their brief.

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude.

SHRI PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH (SHILLONG): Firstly, many civilian habitations have been garrisoned and cordoned off. People's movements have been severely curtailed and immense hardships and misery have been caused to the people. Alleged harassment of the people is numerous, and even the pressmen have not been allowed to report about what is happening in the area.

A sense of fear and panic is haunting the peace-loving citizens of Meghalaya. If this sort of insurgency situation continues, the people's rights will continue to be suspended for a long time and life and property will be destroyed.

My only request is this. Since the hon. Minister of Defence, Shri George Fernandes is due to go on a tour to the North East, I would request him -- in fact, I want to get an appointment with him -- to go to Meghalaya and see for himself what is happening there. There is lot of panic and this is going to affect the people's lives in the country.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Acharia Basudeb will speak now

.... (Interruptions)

श्रीमती प्रभा ठाकुर (अजमेर): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं राजस्थान की बात बताना चाहती हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: अगर आप ऐसे बार-बार उठेंगी तो मैं चांस नहीं दूंगा।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : Please take your seats. Then I will come to you.

(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record except what Shri Acharia Basudeb says.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: The Jute Corporation of India is in doldrums.

अध्यक्ष महोदय: बाद में अवसर दूंगा।

MR. SPEAKER : Madam, I will give you a chance to speak later.