

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding construction of a Grand War Memorial at Hilli to commemorate the sacrifices of soldier during the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971-laid.

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): A war broke out between India-Pakistan on 12.12.1971 after Pakistan's sudden attack on the Indian Army during the liberation battle of Bangladesh which took the lives of 400 Indian soldiers, who fought bravely. A funeral was conducted for all those martyrs at Hili. The Indian army conquered the Pakistani Army later in a counter attack. Pakistani soldiers surrendered on 16.12.1971 leading to liberation of Bangladesh. Later, a decorated "Saheed Bedi" (Martyrs Altar) was built in Hili to pay tribute. The Nation offered tributes to the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers while fighting for the country in the war during the liberation of Bangladesh during celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2020. Therefore, I request the Government to construct a grand War Memorial at Hilli to commemorate the sacrifices made by the 400 brave soldiers while fighting for the country in the war during the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.