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Title: Regarding reinstating the 11 left-out Gorkha sub-tribes as STs - laid.

SHRI RAJU BISTA (DARJEELING): Patriotism and valour of Gorkha community is not hidden from anyone, what is hidden is their struggles and the alleged discrimination they face.

Gorkha community was compositely recognized as “Hill Tribes” till Independence. However, after Independence, their “Hill Tribes” status was taken away, without any consultation with the community.

Over the course of time, out of 18 sub-tribes, 7 have been accorded ST status, two as recently as 2001. But 11 sub-tribes are still struggling for the recognition of their identity.

This has resulted in social marginalization of the Gorkhas.

Sikkim State Assembly passed a resolution to include these 11 left-out Gorkha sub-tribes as ST in January 2021 and WB State Cabinet in 2014.

Gorkhas have patiently waited for justice for a long time.

There is urgent need for reinstating the 11 left-out Gorkha sub-tribes as ST in order to provide them constitutional protection. I request the Union Government to expedite the process.