

le: Regarding release of Rupees 1Lakh Crore to the West Bengal by the Central Government.

**SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (KOLKATA UTTAR):** Hon. Chairperson, Sir, the hon. Chief Minister of West Bengal met the hon. Prime Minister on 6<sup>th</sup> of August and she submitted a memorandum with a demand of rupees one lakh crore plus, which is yet to be received by the State Government from the Centre.

I would like to request the Government of India to, at least, release fifty per cent of the amount which is due, and the remaining fifty per cent of the amount be released at the end of this year.

Hon. Chairperson, Sir, we apprehend that there is an attempt to block the economy of the State of West Bengal in a very rude manner. We protest that. We request the Government of India to strengthen the federal structure of the country. We also request that the dues of the Government of the West Bengal be released at the earliest possible time as prayed by the hon. Chief Minister to the hon. Prime Minister. Thank you.