

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding the Welfare of Tribals and farmers in Basirhat, West Bengal by setting up a university in the name of Birsa Munda and Tribal Research Institute .

*SHRI IDRIS ALI (BASIRHAT): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of public importance in the Zero Hour. I shall be speaking in Bengali. First, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the great national leader, our respected Chief Minister Mamata Bandyopadhyay. As we all know, today is the 'Adivasi Divas' or the Tribal People's Day. Since Dr. Ratna De Nag has already touched upon the subject, I shall not go into much details but would like to put forth only a few demands with due respect Sir.

My first demand is that in the interest of the tribal people, a university in the name of Birsa Munda should be set up. My second demand is that a Tribal Research Institute should also be set up for the tribals. Thirdly Sir, you must be knowing that the Wakf properties are under the Central Government. So those properties should be recovered and returned to the persons who have been dispossessed of their properties. Let the actual persons entitled to enjoy the Wakf properties get back their due.

Lastly Sir, in my constituency Basirhat, many tribal and poor people reside. Numerous farmers also stay there. The BJP Government always claims to be the friends of the farmers. Therefore, my humble request to the Government through you Sir is that the loans of the farmers should be waived off at once. This is the sowing season; thus, seeds should also be distributed to the poor farmers at subsidized rates.

With these few words, I rest my speech here. Thank you, Sir.