

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Maharashtra-Karnataka Border issue.

श्री धैर्यशील संभाजीराव माणे (हातकणंगले): Hon'ble Chairperson Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak on a very important issue in Zero Hour. I would like to draw the attention of this august house towards a serious issue. All the states of India are binded together and our country draws the power of unity and fraternity from the preamble of our constitution. We all Indians live together with harmony and the spirit of unity. But there is a threat to our unity and brotherhood due to the border conflicts between different states. I hail from such an area which forms a part of Maharashtra and Karnataka border. We have always tried to ensure harmony and friendliness among the people residing in border areas. But today the people of Maharashtra are being targeted. We are quite hopeful that the law will take its own course and justice will be done to the Marathi speaking people.

Chief Minister of Karnataka is openly threatening the common people and leaders of Maharashtra. Tension is brewing day by day in border areas and there is no maintenance of law and order. Police and public of Karnataka are targeting Marathi speaking people. It is a clear case of Government sponsored injustice. An organization called 'Karnataka Vedike' is deliberately targeting Marathi people there.

Hence, I would like to request the Chief Ministers of both the States to sit together and try to resolve this issue amicably. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Home Minister and Central Govt should also come forward to form coordination in this regard.

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