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Title: Regarding the decision of the Government not to participate in the SAF Games scheduled to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Sir, the Government of India has taken a decision not to participate in the SAF games which are scheduled to be held at Islamabad, Pakistan.

This is very much an unwise decision for the development of sports of our country as well as other countries of the SAF. It will jeopardise the interests of the players and the sports of our country as a whole.

Sir, we also condemn Pakistan for encouraging and sponsoring cross-border terrorism and for doing detrimental activities against our country. We condemn Pakistan Government. But we want people-to-people relation with Pakistan through sports and culture.

This decision of the Government not to participate in the SAF games, will hamper the development of the sports of our country; it will hamper the interests of the players and the sports lover of our country. They are not approving this unwise decision of the Government of India.

So, Sir, for the sake of interests and development of sports, I would urge upon the Government of India to rethink and withdraw their decision to boycott the SAF games.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Hannan Mollah.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Why should we have any sports relationship with Pakistan when they are promoting cross-border terrorism?...(Interruptions)â€|We very strongly oppose it. Under no circumstances, India should participate in the SAF games....(Interruptions)

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : It is your opinion. Our opinion is different. We want people-to-people relation.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN :We are also people...(Interruptions)â€|You may be very fond of Pakistan...(Interruptions)â€|You are fond of Bangladeshis and Pakistanis...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member, please keep silence.

...(Interruptions)