

**Title:** Urged the Central government for deployment of more para-military forces to tackle the ethnic violence and insurgency in Tripura.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Samar Choudhury will speak. Shri Baju Ban Riyan may also associate with him.

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY (TRIPURA WEST): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the situation in Tripura is very bad due to escalating ethnic violence and insurgency. It is so because the Central Government is completely ignoring the deployment of forces there. I want to present only one thing before you. The State Government had declared certain areas as disturbed areas and out of 45 police stations, 22 police stations were covered under the disturbed areas laws. While the insurgency was escalating in areas increasing threat to peace under all the police stations, the State Government was helped and aided by the Central Government with three battalions of the Army, three battalions of Assam Rifles, and CRPF and BSF. After the BJP came to power and Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the Prime Minister, all the three battalions of the Army have been withdrawn and the strength of Assam Rifles has been reduced from 3 battalions to 16 companies only.

At this moment, the situation of insurgency activities in the State is such aggravated that they are trying to disrupt the whole of State, its development etc. ISI is working there. The border is porous. Earlier, it was assessed by the professionals that 15 battalions of BSF should guard the border, but at this moment, only eight or nine battalions are posted there. Due to this, the total border is completely left open.

Now, I come to the movement of insurgents and militants from across the border. In the Bangladeshi area across the border, there are 29 hide-outs of armed militants. The camps, which are there, are giving all kinds of war-training. This is the position. Every time, those people are coming inside our territory with AK-series of rifles or highly sophisticated weapons, and attacking the people of Tripura.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, the Government should respond.

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY : The Government is not responding.

MR. SPEAKER: But you are not allowing the Government to reply. Members do not allow the Government to reply.

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY : Repeatedly the Chief Minister came here and talked with the Home Minister, Defence Minister. Members of Parliaments draw their attentions different time. The Left Front also made their representations. M.Ps delegation talked with the Prime Minister also, but still, no additional security forces are given to the State. This is the position.

In Kanchanpur sub-division and in Teliamma of Tripura, in the month of October and November, took place mass killings took place. These killings led to ethnic violence and aggravated to ethnic riots.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any response from the Government?

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY : Sir, the Minister is not here. The Prime Minister is also not here. Who will reach.

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SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY : They should reply in the House.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, he must come and make a statement as to how to protect the people of Tripura in the North-East because they are withdrawing the security forces.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Satyavrat Chaturvedi.

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY : Sir, I can give you some other information about modernisation because the Government is always speaking about modernisation.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Choudhury, please take your seat.

SHRI SAMAR CHOUDHURY : During the last three years, only 400 AK-47 rifles and 2,300 SLR rifles have been given. While the actual requirement is very high, practically no supply of modern equipments has been made to the State.