

Title: Need for fencing along the Tripura-Bangladesh border to check the menace of terrorist outfits in the State.

DR. RANJIT KUMAR PANJA (BARASAT): Tea industry in Tripura is the only organised sector, which provides large-scale employment and substantial revenue to the State exchequer. The State especially North Tripura tea plantations are currently ridden with insurgency and terrorism. Instances of abduction of managerial staff and employees are rampant. There have been innumerable cases of killings, arson, dacoity, insurgency and abductions which are continued threats in gardens like Golokpur, Kalisahan, Manu Valley, Rangrung, Mekhlibundh and Tachhai tea estates. In the absence of adequate security forces the tea estate owners are finding it well nigh impossible to fight this insurgency and protect their property and personnel. There is total demoralisation and panic amongst the residents in the garden. Consequently, people are fleeing the gardens even to Bangladesh.

It is suggested that immediate steps are taken to draw fencing along the Tripura-Bangladesh border, strengthen the security by deployment of more Border Security Force/Army for intensive vigilance in the border and to establish more number of check-posts.