

Regarding militancy in the North-East region of India.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR (DIBRUGARH): Sir, through you I want to draw the attention of the whole House to the serious development in the North East Region.

The North East Region is becoming the killing field. Everyday, here or there, some people are being killed. I am just giving you incidents of a particular district. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month, 11 people, Bengali and Bihari people, were killed in Karbianglong district. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 Nepali people were gunned down by the militants. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, another six Bihari workers were killed in Karbianglong district.

12.29 hours (Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

This is a very serious development. In the State of Assam, the law and order situation has totally failed and the Central Government is the silent spectator. Sir, 96 per cent of the North East region is the international boundary. Only four per cent of the chicken-neck is connected with the mainland. Foreign forces are working there. Every alternate community is having an underground outfit now-a-days. If the Central Government is not seriously taking this matter, then this will become more serious than the Kashmir issue. It is time the Central Government has to take some action. Otherwise, every day, day in and day out people would be killed. If there are 20 underground outfits today, after one month there will be 30 underground outfits.

ISI is very active. The Chief Minister of Assam also has made some statement that some dignitaries of the foreign countries have attended the party organised by the underground outfit. The law and order situation is very serious.

Sir, I appeal to all the hon. Members, cutting across party line, that it has become a very serious issue and one has to take some decision, otherwise one day this House has to lament for their not taking proper and timely action about this matter.

Therefore, I draw the sharp attention of the Central Government to take appropriate action so that these types of killings of the innocent people can be stopped otherwise the Central Government cannot raise their hands that this is only the law and order situation and it is concerned to the State Government. We cannot allow killings of the Indian citizens like this. Therefore, I draw the attention of the House and I request the Central Government to take serious note of these developments and take appropriate action. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (SILCHAR): Sir, I want to associate with what Shri Ghatowar has said. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please be brief.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, I fully associate with what has been said by my colleague, Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar.

Sir, in Assam, a parallel Government is being run by all the terrorist groups. They have come together and most unfortunately these terrorist groups are having training camps in Bangladesh, Bhutan and in certain parts of Myanmar. Recently, it has come in the newspapers that the King of Bhutan went to their camps twice and had breakfast. He appreciated their armoury. It is reported that he said to them that even Indian Government cannot have such an armoury. Now, the situation is worse. Everyday we hear in this House about so much sympathy for the North-Eastern Region. First, let us survive and then only development will take place.

I shall appeal to the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Home Affairs and take appropriate steps in cooperation with the State Government so that the situation can be improved. ...(*Interruptions*)