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Title : Alleged fear amongst the minorities on their travel abroad.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, the Maharashtra Government has issued a directive to the State Police to thoroughly investigate every Muslim who travels abroad.

Senior Executives in multi-national companies are being visited at their residences by the Police Inspectors asking questions, demanding to see the copies of passports and insisting on letters from the employers of the Executives certifying their travel. This is a very serious issue. Muslims are being discriminated. Why is this discrimination meted out to Muslims? Muslims who want to travel abroad are being inspected and asked to produce their passports. Thousands and thousands of innocent Muslims are also arrested after Mumbai blasts. I would like to demand that the Central Government should take up this matter with the Maharashtra Government so that innocent Muslims are not persecuted and are not being discriminated. If such orders have been issued by the Maharashtra Government to harass the innocent Muslims, the same should be withdrawn forthwith.

SHRIASADUDDIN OWAISI (HYDERABAD): I would like to associate with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right.

* Not Recorded.