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Title : Need for restoration of peace in Assam through dialogue with ULFA.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the increasing incidents of violent activities in the North-Eastern Region. Everyday, there is a news of bomb blast or a grenade throw. The initiative of the Government to have a political solution with the various militant outfits has not resulted into any fruitful outcome. There is cease fire agreement already with NSCN, NDFB, DHDN and some other organisations of the region. There was some kind of process of negotiations at official and unofficial levels. But we are yet to know what is the outcome of this cease fire agreement and also of the negotiations at political and at the official levels.

Recently, there was a news item in Assam that the Government has suspended the Army Operation against ULFA. Now it was a welcome approach but we want to know as Members of this House actually what operation has been suspended. We would also like to know whether the Government is planning to suspend the operations of other security organisations like CRPF, BSF and other para-military forces. There was an initiative of the people's consultative group of Assam for having preliminary talk on behalf of ULFA. Now more than six months have passed but the political negotiations are yet to start. I want to know from the Government what is the present status of the negotiations with the various militant outfits because the North-East Region is a very sensitive zone. A large number of international organisations including ISI have been working there. The fundamentalist organisations are growing day-by-day. The situation of the North-East Region would become more volatile than Kashmir if it is not tackled. It is because 90 per cent boundary of the North-East Region is with neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, China and Myanmar. The Government is not taking seriously the security aspects of this region.

Therefore, I would urge upon the Government to immediately restore peace process with various militant outfits.

MR. SPEAKER: You have already said all these things. You are saying it third-time. Why are you repeating them?

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : The Government should also have a political dialogue with ULFA and other organisations to maintain peace...(*Interruptions*)

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