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Title: Need to take immediate necessary measures to normalize the situation in Sikkim facing the serious problem of socio-economic blockade by people in favour of a separate state.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM): The UPA Government and in particular the Congress Party took the painful call of carving out the State of Telengana. The announcement was made on the evening of 29th July, 2013. In a show of strength the announcement came after a meeting of some of the UPA partners.

Neither the Sikkim Democratic Front was invited nor the Naga Peoples Front of Nagaland.

The consequential impact of the decision has been as predicted. Promptly Gorkha Janmukti Morcha withdrew from the Gorkha Territorial Administration and an indefinite bandh was announced. They have closed the schools and warned people for a long drawn 'battle'. The 31A National Highway which is the lifeline of Sikkim has been closed. Plying cars and motor-cycles were set ablaze along with some bungalows. The livelihood of the people of Sikkim is in danger as tourism is the main economic activity.

In Sikkim the price rise will continue unabated. The road blocks will effectively stop free flow of food and tourists. Hence it will hit our citizens the hardest.

The Central Government should compensate us adequately in order to check downturn in the economy.
