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Title : Alleged fake encounters in the state of Manipur.

DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA (INNER MANIPUR): Thank you Sir. In many parts of the country where there are insurgency and naxal activities, the reports of fake encounters do appear many times.

According to the report of the Home Ministry, in 2008-09 the number of cases registered by the National Human Rights Commission stands at 103. Out of this Manipur records 16.

Recently, one such case was reported in a national magazine on 8th August 2009, under the title of 'Murder in Plain Sight'. This has a sequence of 12 photographs showing the entire episode of the alleged fake encounter. The incident relates to the broad day light killings, including one pregnant woman, of Thokchom Onghi, Rabina Devi and Chongkham Sanjit on 23rd July 2009 at Imphal. The life in the State was completely paralysed as 48 hour *bandh* was called from the midnight of 2nd to 4th August 2009.

Manipur has been facing the pains of insurgent activities for the last so many years. I am afraid that if the situation is not brought under control immediately, things might turn from bad to worse. I am fully aware that law and order is a State subject, but even then I respectfully urge upon the Union Government and the Home Ministry in particular to intervene and help the State Government to tackle the situation immediately. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bwiswmuthiary. This is also a State subject, so take only one minute.