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Title: Need to teach correct historical facts about the freedom fighters and martyrs of the country.

*SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR) : Thank you respected Chairman Sir; we all know that if we forget our past history, our existence will be at stake. A nation can grow, can prosper only when it remains aware of its history and also imparts correct historical knowledge to its future generations. Our country was under British imperial rule and people had revolted against the colonial rule through different ways and means. Any opposition to British rule was referred to as terrorism or militancy by the English rulers. Today we are independent. So if today we identify our revolutionaries and freedom fighters as terrorists, it would be shameful. It would be extremely insulting for those who sacrificed their precious lives for the independence of the country. Sir, we can see in many states, including West Bengal that the freedom fighters and martyrs are being sought to be maligned and a wrong signal is being sent to the new generations. You must have heard of Khudiram Bose, Baghajatin, Masterda Surja Sen. Elegy is sang for Khudiram Bose even today; people pay rich tribute to this great soul. Unfortunately, the text books of class VIII depict this revolutionary as a terrorist and the students are made to learn incorrect history in West Bengal. This is gross misrepresentation of facts which threatens our history and culture. Thus I would urge upon the Ministry of HRD through you Sir to consult the State Governments and find a way out to encourage all to teach correct historical facts to the students. People of Bengal are agonised to know that Khudiram Bose is being termed as a terrorist. Thus I request the Central Government to immediately take corrective measures in this regard. With these words, I conclude my speech .

*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Bengali.