

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules and Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the *Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2016*, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 27th July, 2016.

Sir, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up the Special Mentions. Those who want to read can read. Ms. Dola Sen.

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN) *in the Chair*.]

Need to adopt an effective model for combating left wing terrorism in the country

MS. DOLA SEN (West Bengal): Sir, Left Wing Extremism is the most potent threat the country faces today and in order to deal with it, the country requires the Centre and State Governments to cooperate and share responsibility.

In our State of West Bengal, three districts are considered Maoist-infested areas, namely, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura and Purulia situated in the dense forest area that is generally called *Jangalmahal*.

Over the past five years, a number of welfare projects, measures and schemes like Kanyashree, Sabuj Sathi and Khadya Sathi were initiated and successfully implemented in these parts. Infrastructural developments like making roads and bridges are also taking place. This showcased that combat forces alone cannot solve the Left Wing Extremism problem. Development projects play an important role in winning the hearts of the poorest and the most affected people of that area. Bengal Government's approach has been adopted as a national model for tackling Left Wing Extremism.

Compared to 466 incidents in Chhattisgarh and 310 in Jharkhand in 2015, Bengal witnessed zero incidents and casualties in the last four-and a-half years according to the figures of the Ministry of Home Affairs. To continue bringing Left Wing Extremists back to the mainstream and keeping up the momentum of development in *Jangalmahal* as also other affected parts of the country, the Government must increase the allocation of funds required under the Integrated Action Plan for Left Wing Extremist districts. Thank you.