

(b) if so, the details of the case and the circumstances that led to his detention as a foreign national and subsequent arrest; and

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent misuse of the exercise of detection of foreigners and prevent recurrence of such instances of violation of Constitutional and Fundamental Rights of the citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) to (c) A reference under Foreigners Act, 1946 about the nationality of Md. Sanaullah of Vill-Kalahikash, P.S.-Boko district –Kamrup (R), Assam, a retired army personnel, was made by the local police. On receipt of the reference, a Foreigners Tribunal in District, Kamrup (R), Assam issued a notice to Md. Sanaullah and examined the documents and witnesses produced by him as per procedure.

The Foreigners Tribunal (FT) observed that none of the documents and their contents produced by Md. Sanaullah was proved by the authority concerned to establish the linkage about his citizenship. The FT found that Md. Sanaullah failed to furnish the required evidence under Section 9 of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to establish his linkage to his parentage on Indian soil prior to 25th March, 1971 and to submit any proof to establish the fact that he was an Indian citizen by birth.

Pursuant to the decision of the FT, Md. Sanaullah was kept in a detention camp. Hon' ble Gauhati High Court *vide* its Order dated 07.6.2019 has granted interim bail to Md. Sanaullah.

Renaming of West Bengal

1331. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government has cleared the name ' Bangla' for the State of West Bengal as proposed by the West Bengal Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Change in the name of a State requires constitutional amendment, after taking into consideration all relevant factors.