

Accession of State of Cooch Behar signed between Maharaja Shri Jagaddipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur and Lord Mountbatten, Governor General, Dominion Government of India, on 9th August, 1947 and Agreement Annexure — ‘A’ made on 28th and 30th August, 1949. Interestingly, Cooch Behar was shown as ‘C’ category State in the First Schedule of the Constitution adopted by Constituent Assembly on 26th November, 1949.

Therefore, I would sincerely request hon. Home Minister to undo the injustice done to the people of Cooch Behar by carving out it as a separate Union Territory. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (MS. KAVITA PATIDAR): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shri Nagendra Ray: Dr. Parmar Jashvantsinh Salamsinh (Gujarat) and Shri Kesridevsinh Jhala (Gujarat).

Demand to increase the One Stop Centres in Odisha

SHRIMATI SULATA DEO (Odisha): Madam, violence against women persists as a distressing issue, demanding urgent and comprehensive solutions. The One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme led by the Central Government is commendable but needs expansion in Odisha, where the number of centres is significantly lower than in States like Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

In Odisha, the Government has established Sakhi centres to aid distressed women, yet the existing numbers fall short of meeting the extensive demand. Expanding One Stop Centres in Odisha is crucial to ensure comprehensive coverage and assistance for victims of violence. Through you, Madam, I respectfully request the Government to increase the number of centres in Odisha to provide support to more women in the State. Thank you so much.

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (MS. KAVITA PATIDAR): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by hon. Member, Shrimati Sulata Deo: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Shri Subhasish Khuntia (Odisha), Shri Sujeet Kumar (Odisha), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha) and Dr. John Brittas (Kerala).

Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee, not present. Shri Muzibulla Khan.