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BJP urges action on issues faced by Karnataka amid Maoism concerns

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Bengaluru: Supporting Congress MLA Anil Chikkamadu's plea for relief to Adiva
Opposition R. Ashoka urged the state government to address their grievances to prev

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, Ashoka said, "There are concerns not addressed. While we strongly oppose Maoism, neglecting these problems could be a disaster. As Minister, I visited MLA Anil's constituency and felt the need to provide land to the residents."

Ashoka emphasized that despite his directives to forest officials during his tenure, no compensation was provided. During his two-day visit to Chikkamadu's constituency, he described the hardships faced by the residents due to wildlife conflict.

"Local residents are abandoning their homes due to harassment by Forest Department officials. Those affected by dam construction were told to live nearby, but are now being asked to vacate due to the construction," he added.

During the budget debate, Congress MLA Anil Chikkamadu from HD Kote constituency highlighted the issues faced by displaced communities. He noted that 48 villages in HD Kote taluk were affected by relocation, essential infrastructure remains absent.

"In my constituency, 13 people have lost their lives in tiger and elephant attacks. The residents living at the forest fringes," Chikkamadu said. He also called for a special relief package for those affected and promised amenities.

Chikkamadu stressed the need for prioritizing backward taluks for funding, highlighting that the construction have not received compensation. He demanded a special package for the affected areas and Minister Siddaramaiah to take prompt action.

Citing the 2012 High Court order, Chikkamadu pointed out that the rehabilitation of the affected communities called for Rs 15 lakh to be allocated for self-employment programs for young Adivasi residents.

He also emphasized the need for qualified teachers in residential schools up to the 12th grade. He noted that his constituency have B.Ed qualified staff.

"Around 15,000 youths from the Adivasi community are working as hotel suppliers and other support and opportunities," Chikkamadu concluded.