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## J&K's security better than Bengal's: Lt-guv. Tutored, false: TMC

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**Kolkata:** The security situation in Jammu and Kashmir was "better than" that of Bengal, J&K lieutenant-governor **Manoj Sinha** said in Kolkata on Friday, before quickly issuing a clarification, saying his comment should not be "twisted politically".

The Trinamool Congress said Sinha's comment was "tutored and false."

Sinha made the comments while attending a programme by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce. He said the security situation in J&K had improved after the abrogation of Article 370, and terrorism was in its deathbed in the valley. He termed "unfortunate" the terror attack on an Army convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Thursday, in

which four soldiers were killed and two injured.

He quickly issued a clarification: "My remarks should not be twisted politically, as I meant to say that the security situation in Kashmir is as good as in Bengal."



"These are tutored and false allegations," said TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh. "Sinha should not misuse his chair to speak in BJP's voice. On Kashmir, he

can refer to his predecessor, Satya Pal Malik. He needs to hear Malik out, particularly on Pulwama. And as for Bengal, and Kolkata, he can refer to NCRB (the National Crime records Bureau data) to learn that it is the 'safest'. If his concern is about crime against women, he can look at the records of UP and Madhya Pradesh," Ghosh added.

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## J&K LG: Attack on Armymen unfortunate

**Kolkata:** J&K lieutenant-governor Manoj Sinha, at an event in Kolkata, apparently alluded to Pakistan, without directly naming the country, blaming "our neighbour" for attempts to disturb the peace in J&K.

"It is a very unfortunate incident," he said about Thursday's terror attack, that left four Armymen dead. "We condemn such violence. Our neighbour has been doing such things to disturb peace in the valley. But it's all in vain, as terrorism is on its deathbed in Kashmir. The security situation has improved to a large extent after the abrogation of Article 370."

TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said Sinha should "keep the dignity of his chair" instead of making such "distorted claims". TNN & AGENCIES