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J&K open for tourists, shut for terrorists: Mantri in LS

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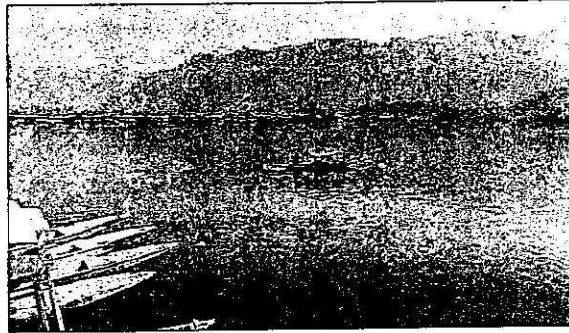
Release J&K ex-CMs: Cong tells Centre

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New Delhi: The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed budgetary proposals for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with the government stressing that the newly created UTs are now "open for tourists and shut for terrorists" after nullification of Article 370, an issue which drew wider attention of members from both treasury and opposition parties during the over six-hour debate.

While the opposition questioned the government over restrictions imposed in J&K after August 5 last year and demanded release of detained political functionaries, the government slammed Congress for doing nothing for rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits.

Congress even faced criticism from Shiv Sena, its ally in Maharashtra, which accused it of remaining silent when jawans were killed by



A deserted Dal Lake in Srinagar on Wednesday

terrorists and the national Tricolour was burnt in the erstwhile state of J&K. Shiv Sena member Arvind Sawant expressed gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for taking the bold step of withdrawing special status to J&K and said his party had always been in support of this move.

Wondering why the opposition never expressed pain and anguish over deaths of over 40,000 people in J&K, Sawant said, "Why didn't

they express pain when 'jawans' were killed? ...We will together say 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. We don't require the ruling party's permission."

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said corruption has ended and things have become more transparent in J&K post abrogation of Article 370. She said many positive developments have taken place, including a rise in exports.

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New Delhi: Targeting the Narendra Modi government over the restrictions imposed in Jammu and Kashmir since August last year, Congress on Wednesday said that the economy of the region has since collapsed due to the measures and demanded immediate release of former chief ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah.

Initiating a discussion on the budgetary proposals and demand for grants for the UTs of J&K and Ladakh, Congress member Manish Tewari urged the Modi government to "open ears" and "listen" to voices of people as he claimed a "dangerous situation" is developing in the region, adding that "social peace is important for the economic development of a place". TNN