

'Bangla', not West Bengal and 'Kolkata', not Calcutta

CALCUTTA, July 20: West Bengal Legislative Assembly today unanimously adopted a non-official resolution, proposing change in the name of the state of West Bengal into "Bangla" and that of its capital Calcutta into "Kolkata", reports PTI.

Taking part in the hour-long discussion on the motion moved by members of Both Left Front, opposition Congress, Trinamool Congress and SUCI under Rule 185, state's Home (Police) Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharjee said that change in the name of the state would require ratification of the new house and, finally, the assent of the President.

He said since the Lok Sabha stood dissolved, the copy of the resolution would be sent to the Union Home and Law Ministries for ratification by the new lower house to be formed after the coming elections.

Regarding the changed name of the state capital, he said the state government would immediately act on the house resolution and take necessary steps for its implementation.