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Controversy  
over Bihar  
MLA's oath

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A controversy erupted on the first day of the five-day Bihar Assembly session on Monday when All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) legislator and State party president Akhtarul Iman took oath in Urdu and used the word 'Bharat' instead of 'Hindustan'.

Mr. Imam sought permission from Pro-tem Speaker Jitan Ram Manjhi to use 'Bharat'.

Later, speaking to mediapersons, Mr. Imam said, "It was just a suggestion that whenever we read the preamble to the Constitution in whichever language, it mentions the word Bharat. Since we're taking oath in the name of the Constitution, I sought permission from the Chair to use the same word. But, let me be clear here, I have no problem at all with the word Hindustan."