

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for formation of Special Divisions of Police/Para-military Forces to be known as Riot Squads or Riot Force; and

(b) if, so the details thereof and the criteria for choosing the personnel in such a force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRISUBODHKANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). The question of creating a special riot force is under consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Special Bulletins on Gulf War

258. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether special bulletins on Gulf war have been telecast in English;

(b) if so, whether magazine editors have been engaged instead of defence experts for the purpose and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures being contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news bulletins are prepared by the News Editors of Doordarshan. Some of the bulletins include views of defence experts also. For the Current Affairs Programmes on Gulf War, Doordarshan invites journalists, defence experts, editors of newspapers and eminent persons.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Price of Cement

259. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the cement manufacturers are refusing to sell cement to Government departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter;

(c) whether the Government propose to reimpose control on cement and also fix its price; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). At present there is no proposal to re-impose control on price and distribution of cement. The current strategy is to ensure sound supply side management

Funds for Tribal Areas

260. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: