

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The strength of Delhi Police has been increased from approximately 30,700 in 1985 to approximately 51,000 upto July, 1991. There is no proposal under consideration for general upward revision in the strength of Delhi Police. The requirements of law and order, as and when the exigencies so warrant, are being met by deployment from Central Police Organisations as in the case of other States/Union Territories.

[English]

Newsitem Captioned "Non-Tribals Grab Chakma Land"

5048. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Non-Tribals grab Chakma Land" appearing in Hindustan Times dated August 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Chakma issue in Bangladesh is an internal matter of Bangladesh. However, insofar as the Chakma refugees in India are concerned the Government have repeatedly taken up at various levels with the Government of Bangladesh the question of their early return to Bangladesh. We hope

that the Bangladesh Government will take necessary and effective steps which give the refugees the confidence to return to their homes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts voluntarily and that the earliest.

[Translation]

Study Team to Australia to Gather Information on Sugar Production

5049. DR. G.L. KANAUIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have deputed a study team to Australia to gain more information on the production of Sugarcane in that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Cordless Telephones

5050. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cordless telephones are being produced in the country, if so, since when;

(b) whether there is a growing demand for such telephones in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.