

The Government both at the State and the Central levels have continuously tried to ensure maximum effectiveness of the deployment and operations of the Security Forces in anti-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Doda district. As a result, there has been a perceptible qualitative change and improvement in the overall security situation and incidence of violence, although the terrorists have been able to perpetrate random attacks against soft targets and innocent civilians.

Several measures have been taken to contain the possibility of such incidents, including augmentation of security force deployment in vulnerable areas, intensive patrolling and operations for flushing out terrorists, strengthening and increased involvement of the local Police in anti-terrorist operations, including enlistment of ex-servicemen coys. For the purpose, setting up of over 200 Village Defence Committees in far flung and vulnerable areas, etc. Efforts in all these directions will continue to be intensively pursued.

As regards the declaration of Doda district as a 'disturbed area', after careful consideration the Government is of the view that such a measure is not called for at this juncture.

[English]

Production from Bombay High

*292. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will be PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons has suggested that production from Bombay High be cut by 30 per cent over three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Monitoring of MPLADS

*293. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the centre is coordinating/monitoring the implementation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and the projects thereunder;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the respective State Governments or local authorities are also being involved in the implementation of the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount allocated under the scheme so far year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Department of Programme Implementation, Government of India has the nodal responsibility for this scheme at the Centre. The Department obtains the Progress Reports periodically from the District Collectors.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is to be implemented through the District Collector at the District-level directly. The District Collector has to get the works under MPLADS implemented through the Government agencies in the District including the local authorities. Besides this, under para 3.5 of the Guidelines of MPLADS the respective State Planning Departments have to issue general instructions to all the planning and implementing agencies at the district level to co-operate, assist and implement the works referred to them under this Scheme by the District Collectors.

(e) The amount allocated under the MPLAD Scheme during the last 3 years in as under :

Year	Amount Allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	3780
1994-95	77100
1995-96	76400
Total	157280

Ocean Development

*294. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of Ocean Development Schemes under operation at present; and

(b) the details of achievements made under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) There are eight major programmes operational at present in the Department of Ocean Development and details of these programmes are :

1. Antarctic Research :

Annual Scientific expeditions to Antarctica to conduct research in various fields like Meteorology,