

Extremists and Terrorists in Custody in various States

5697. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in custody in various States including Jammu & Kashmir as on date on charges of extremist activities;

(b) the duration of their custody i.e. for more than six months, for one year, and for more than two years; and

(c) the number of persons presently facing trial in each State, and how many of them have been convicted and undergoing sentences?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be paid on the Table of the House.

Expulsion of Indians from Jordan

5698. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESH-WARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians employed in Jordan without work-permits are facing expulsion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K.GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Illegal foreign workers in Jordan, i.e. those without proper work and residence permits, when detected, are required to leave the

country after payment of a fine or undergoing a symbolic imprisonment of one day. This is the standing Jordanian practice and is applied without discrimination.

(c) Since the Jordanian policy does not discriminate against Indian workers, there is no question of the Government of India taking up with the Government of Jordan the cases of Indian workers facing expulsion.

[*Translation*]

Diplomatic Relations with Israel

5699. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in India's policy in regard to having diplomatic relations with Israel; and

(b) if so, the action contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K.GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Reaction of Neighbouring Countries over IPKF Withdrawal

5700. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state reactions of the neighbouring countries including China to the final withdrawal of Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K.GUJRAL): This was widely, almost universally welcomed by the international community, including all India's neighbours.