

(a) whether Diago Garcia been developed as a full fledged naval base by USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have fully assessed the threat to our security posed by this development; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to strengthen our security system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Indian Ocean Base at Diago Garcia is reportedly capable of providing full facilities for a carrier task force and for the Rapid Development Force.

(c) and (d). Government of India keeps all developments having bearing on the country's security under constant observation, in order to take appropriate counter-measures from time to time, and to maintain full defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is being constantly re-equipped, modernised and developed in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.

Phonetic Code System to Replace Identity Card System

5003. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that a physicist of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, has reportedly developed a phonetic code scheme, which if adopted by the Government can help to give separate code names to all the citizens in the country, and will consequently nullify the need for photographed identity card system; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b). The Phonetic Code Scheme developed by a Scientific Officer of BARC is within the knowledge of the Government. It's practical application will require further consideration.

Division of Goa into two Revenue Districts

5004. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the District of Goa in the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu is proposed to be divided into two Revenue districts;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been received from the Union Territory Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). In December, 1981 the Government of Goa, Daman and Diu sent a proposal for bifurcation of the existing District of Goa into North Goa District and South Goa District. As the proposal lacked adequate justification and there was a ban, which still continues, on creation of posts under non-plan except in very exceptional circumstances, it was decided to defer further consideration of the proposal.

Computer Network for Assessment of Programme Implementation

5005. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have any plans to set up a computer net-work for effective assessment of programme implementation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b). The Ministry is already utilising the computer services and facilities being provided by the National Informatics Centre of the Department of Electronics and plans to utilise further these facilities to the maximum extent feasible.