

Increase in TNV Activities

5417. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tripura National Volunteers extremists have increased their activities particularly in Agartala;

(b) if so, the number of paramilitary forces personnel killed during last six months; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to curb these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) After a lull of about 3 months (February to April, 1987) the TNV stepped up their activities in May, 1987 when they were involved in seven violent incidents in which 10 persons were killed. June was comparatively free from TNV activities. However, in July, 1987, TNV was involved in 2 violent incidents in which 10 persons were killed. No violent activities of the TNV have come to notice in Agartala.

(b) During the last six months, the TNV has killed 7 paramilitary-force personnel.

(c) In order to check infiltration and exfiltration of TNV gangs from their sanctuaries certain areas lying along their routes have been declared "disturbed area" by the State Government of Tripura. TNV has also been declared as 'unlawful association' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Intelligence about the activities of TNV is pooled and shared by various agencies. Coordinated action and operation is planned and executed. Vigil on the border has also been stepped up. 8 TNV extremists have been arrested during the current year.

Amount spent on Sri Lankan Refugees

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total amount spent by Union Government so far on the welfare/rehabilitation of Sri Lankan refugees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): Between July, 1983 and 31st May, 1987 an amount of Rs. 11.59 crores has been spent by the Union Government on providing relief assistance to the Sri Lankan refugees and on constructions/renovation of camps for accommodating the refugees. No amount has been spent on providing rehabilitation assistance to the Sri Lankan refugees, as they are not Indian citizens and are expected to go back to Sri Lanka.

Soviet proposals regarding Asian Security

5419. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has made proposals with regard to Asian security; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals were contained in a speech made by General Secretary Gor-