

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being obtained from States/UTs and would be laid on the Table of the House

(d) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps in this regard. At the Central level, all out action is being taken to hold coordination meetings with the State Governments concerned as well with the various intelligence and investigating agencies of the Central Government to exchange information, share intelligence, plan strategy and take coordinated action. In certain special circumstances, financial assistance has also been given to some of the affected States over and above the on-going allocations for modernisations of police and supply of weapons. Some specific measures include

- (1) Fencing and flood lighting in the sensitive areas on international border
- (2) Strengthening the BSF on the borders through supply of night vision devices, hand held sets, binoculars, dragon lights etc. so as to enhance their capabilities
- (3) Setting up of additional BOPs with a view to reduce inter BOP distance
- (4) Holding coordination meetings in the Ministry of Home Affairs as well as setting up of a nodal group of officers at operational level
- (5) Setting up of coordination committees at the State, Divisional and District level between State Government officials and the representatives of the agencies of the Central Government
- (6) Additional supply of fire arms to the State Governments

(e) and (f) Suggestions from general public in this regard are received from time to time. "Public Order" and "Police" being State Subjects, these are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for appropriate action

Ban on Diesel Generating Sets

742 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the installation of Diesel Generating Sets is not permitted in the Taj Trapezium and Doon Valley of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) whether the Diesel Generating Sets on an average work at greater efficiency from the environmental view point, the Diesel Operated vehicles, and

(c) if so, the reasons for the ban on Diesel Generating Sets when there is no ban on the plying of diesel vehicles in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) In diesel vehicles, energy from a chemical reaction is converted to mechanical energy whereas in a diesel generating set the output is electrical energy. Hence these two are not comparable

Further, normal vehicular pollution is not localised and disperses rapidly whereas the diesel generating sets are stationary sources and cause localised build up of pollution

Zonal Office in Bihar

743 SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up Railway Zonal Office in Bihar.

(b) whether 5000 acre railway land is lying vacant in Barauni Garhhara; and

(c) if so, the time by which the department is likely to implement this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (c) The issues relating to reorganisation of zones and divisions in the wake of Project Unigauge and the construction of Konkan Railway, have recently been studied by this Ministry. Further processing for the formulation of proposals and other related matters is being undertaken

(b) No, Sir

Siltation in Rivers

744 SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether rampant deforestation in the Himalayan ranges is causing siltation in the rivers flowing through Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) whether the Government has decided to formulate a scheme for desiltation of the rivers.

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, the measures taken by the Government to control siltation in the rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No reports on rampant deforestation in the Himalayan ranges causing siltation in the rivers have been received from the States