

**Food for Siachin Guards**

860. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "No food, woollens for Siachin guards" appeared in 'Pioneer' dated July 29, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken to supply the essential items to Siachin gurards and to avert such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The supply of essential items to Siachen troops is monitored at the highest level and all bottlenecks are removed most expeditiously. Essential supplies are regularly, air-maintained by the Army and Air Force. Chartering of additional civil aircraft, through Indian Airlines, is also being finalised. While the operational communications in the Glacier area are satisfactory, a project to further modernise the communication system in the sector is, currently, under way. Procurement of all-weather Surveillance systems, too, has been finalised. The winter stocking of Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System is fully satisfactory. While Gloves, supplied in the past, did not fully stand upto the Extreme Cold Conditions in the sector, import of the successfully, Winter-tested, Gloves in the sector has been contracted and supplies are expected, very shortly.

**Collection of Money on Armed Forces Flag Day**

861. SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the total amount collected on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day in 1996 and 1997 and the details of its breakup, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : A Statement is attached.

**Statement****State-wise Flag Day Collection—1996**

Sl. No.	State	Amount (Rs.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	24,26,726
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	1,22,999
4.	Bihar	6,06,676
5.	Delhi	8,21,066
6.	Goa	89,931
7.	Gujarat	22,14,566
8.	Haryana	7,70,401
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2,79,290
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	4,36,707
11.	Karnataka	1,04,16,755
12.	Kerala	34,35,544
13.	Madhya Pradesh	24,30,557
14.	Maharashtra	4,04,03,991

1	2	3
15.	Manipur	5,535
16.	Meghalaya	1,10,776
17.	Mizoram	45,185
18.	Nagaland	26,695
19.	Orissa	25,061
20.	Punjab	16,27,000
21.	Rajasthan	19,00,000
22.	Sikkim	33,743
23.	Tamil Nadu	3,47,08,220
24.	Tripura	12,227
25.	Uttar Pradesh	48,41,068
26.	West Bengal	3,27,721
27.	A & N Islands	60,904
28.	Chandigarh	1,43,036
29.	Pondicherry	4,72,846
Total		10,87,95,226

A sum of Rs. 10,87,95,226/- (Rupees Ten Crore Eighty Seven lakh Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Six only) was collected by the State and Union Territories towards the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund in 1996. The State/Union Territory-wise collections were as per Annexure-I.

2. The details of the collections from the States & Union Territories for the year 1997 will be known only after 7th December, 1998.

#### Assistance under IDSMT

862. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :  
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Notified Area Committees and Municipalities in the State of Gujarat which have been included for development under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme alongwith the funds provided to each of them during each of the last three years; and

(b) the names of new towns likely to be included under the scheme during 1998-99 and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), ten towns have been included for coverage under the IDSMT Scheme in Gujarat State during last three years are attached as statement.

(b) The State Government of Gujarat has submitted a priority list of eleven towns out of which ten towns have already been covered. Coverage of remaining one town, viz. Dakaor which has been approved in principle by the State Level Sanctioning Committee in its Meeting held on February 10, 1997, will depend upon the availability of funds for new towns.