

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. Three criminal cases have been registered in the recent past in this regard and 16 persons arrested.

(b) to (d) (i) Seven persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 85 dated 4-3-1991 u/s 419/420/468/471/472/473 IPC, Police Station Lajpet Nagar (South). The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

83. Indian passports; 30 US citizenship cards; 2 Canadian citizenship cards; 75 New York driving Cards; 10 notes of 100 dollars denomination; one currency note of hundred rupees; 20 seals/dyes of Embassy of USA and Middle-East; 16 negatives of photographs affixed on forged passports; 160 USA green-cards and 30 multiple entry visas of UAE.

(ii) 5 persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 198 dated 5-7-1991 u/s 471/468/420 IPC, Police Station Gokalpuri (North-East). The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

4000 forged passports, driving licences and large quantity of printed documents.

(iii) 4 persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 110 dated 8-3-1991 u/s 420/468/471/120-B IPC, Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

Eight fake passports of Singapore alongwith blank visa/visa-stickers of U.K., West-Germany and Canada.

Damage to Aqueduct of Bhakra Canal

1297. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SHEKARA MURTHY:

SHRI ASHOK ANAND RAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militants in Punjab have damaged an aqueduct of the main Bhakra Canal with rockets;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the culprits have since been arrested; and

(d) the action propose to be taken to provide security to Bhakra Canal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) According to available information, on 6th July, 1991, some unidentified terrorists fired two rockets on Budhki Nadi Aqueduct situated on Main Bhakra Line. As a result there was a minor leakage of water.

(c) and (d) No arrests have been reported so far. However, the State Government has been told to provide full and adequate security to the Canal.

Price of Steel

1298. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of steel has alarmingly gone up in the retail market during 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to reduce the steel price?