GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3931 ANSWERED ON:24.08.2004 ANTI-TERRORIST FORCE Harsha Kumar Shri G.V.;Patil Shri Anna Saheb M.K.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to form an anti-terrorist force to counter man made and natural disasters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for such force;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to impart specialised training to these forces in Israel, USA and other countries;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the names of the countries acceded to the proposal for such training?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY)

- (a),(b)&(c): The Ministry of Home Affairs have set apart 8 Battalions of Central Para-Military Forces, for being trained and equipped for specialist response to natural and man made disasters. The requirements of funds for training and equipping the forces are being met from the budgetary allocation of the Forces.
- (d),(e)&(f): There is no such proposal at present.