GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:622 ANSWERED ON:21.10.2008 RAISING OF INDIAN RESERVE BATTALIONS Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from North Eastern States to raise Indian Reserve Battalions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to raise similar battalions for Naxal affected regions of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a) & (b): In response to requests received from North Eastern States 46 IR Battalions have been sanctioned to these States as on 31.3.2008.
- (c) to (e): 39 IR Battalions have also been sanctioned to LWE affected States as on 31.3.2008.