GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2344 ANSWERED ON:16.08.2011 TRANSPORTATION OF MARTYRED SECURITY OFFICIALS Venugopal Shri P.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the coffins of some security officials who were killed while fighting the Maoists in Chhattisgarh were sent/found in a garbage collection vehicle;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): The State Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that 3 police personnel were killed and 4 injured in a landmine blast near Patelpara under Police Station Kirandul, district- Dantewada on 26-06- 2011. The next day, after postmortem, the dead bodies of martyrs were brought from Kirandul to Dantewada Police Lines to pay homage and for guard of honour in a Municipal Corporation's truck used for various purposes like carrying workers, electric equipments, construction material etc., since no ambulance was available at Kirandul. A Police vehicle was not used because of the apprehension of being targeted by a landmine blast. The State Government has further informed that from Dantewada Police Lines, the dead bodies were sent in separate vehicles to respective destinations. An inquiry has been ordered by the State Government into this matter. The Reserve Inspector of Dantewada District has been transferred out of the District.