GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1212
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2011
STAMPEDE CASES
Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa;Bhoi Shri Sanjay;Das Gupta Shri Gurudas;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Gavit Shri Manikrao Hodlya;Mandlik Shri Sadashivrao Dadoba

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of stampede has been reported in Haridwar recently;

(b) if so, the total number of persons killed/injured, gender-wise during the stampede;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of financial assistance provided to the families of the victims; and

(f) the details of directives issued by the Union Government to various State Governments on crowd management and evacuation procedures to prevent such cases in future and to provide security to the pilgrims?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. A stampede occurred on 8.11.2011 during a programme organized by the Vishwa Gayatri Parivar.

(b): 20 devotees (females-18, males-2) were killed and 44 (females-36, males-8) were in an unconscious state in Pandal.

(c) & (d): The district administration has ordered an enquiry into the incident to be conducted by the Additional District Magistrate (Admn.) Haridwar.

(e): A compensation of Rs. 2.00 lakh each was announced by the State Government to the next of kin of those killed.

(f): A detailed advisory was issued to all States/UTs on 01.10.2008 making the States/UTs aware of the need to manage such gatherings and suggesting measures such as allowing manageable number of persons to visit the temple/shrines at a particular time; proper access control procedure/system at every/exit point; establishing sound alert system; regular training of staff in evacuation procedures; etc, to avoid recurrence of incidents of stampede in future. Further on the basis of inputs received from security agencies, advisories are being issued from time to time.