

1995. Under these guidelines, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, *inter alia*, confers recognition upon both Indian and foreign adoption agencies working in the field of inter-country adoption *vis-a-vis* Indian children on the condition that these agencies strictly adhere to the aforesaid guidelines.

(d) Does not arise.

Malpractices in FCI Godown, Naraina

1939. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether malpractices in mixing the rejected sub standard foodgrains with good quality of foodgrains were detected in Food Corporation of India Godown in Naraina, Delhi during December, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such malpractices have been detected in other godowns of FCI;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the officials responsible for this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Neither any such practice is followed nor any such complaint has been received from any of the godowns of FCI.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

LPG Dealership

1940. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (JHANJIHARPUR) : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is only one L.P.G. dealership operating in district Madhubani (Bihar) catering the need of 16 Panchayats/Blocks in Ghogharia Block;

(b) if so, whether there is a demand for more L.P.G. dealership in that area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To meet the demand of the area, the following five LPG distributorships have been included in the approved LPG Marketing Plans for setting up LPG distributorships in Madhubani Distt. of Bihar:

1. Ghoghardiha
2. Karmagh
3. Jainagar
4. Benipatti
5. Madhubani

Selection of distributors is to be made by the Dealer Selection Board through interview of candidates applying against advertisements issued.

[Translation]

Unemployment Problem

1941. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage labour oriented technology for the eradication of unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

[English]

Foreign Mercenaries

1942. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign mercenaries operating in different parts of the country; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in curtailing the activities of these mercenaries?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) A number of foreign mercenaries are reported to be operating in Jammu & Kashmir. The main militant outfits comprising of foreign mercenaries are:

1. Hizbul Mujahideen

2. Lashkar-e-Toiba
3. Harkat-ul-Ansar
4. Tehrik-e-Jihad

(b) Government is already seized of the matter. As per figures of the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, 713 foreign mercenaries have been killed and 151 arrested so far, in various encounters with the Security Forces. Details are given in the Statement enclosed.

Close vigil is being kept by the Security Forces along the border/LOC and in the interior areas. Various arrangements have been made for this purpose, including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC/border and in the hinterland, setting up of village Defence Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border, and close and continuous coordination among all concerned security and intelligence agencies etc. The arrangements are being continuously reviewed and strengthened/streamlined as and when found necessary.

Statement

Details of Foreign Mercenaries Arrested/Killed from Jan. 1990 to Ending May, 1998

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	Arrested										Killed									
		90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	Total	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	Total
1.	Pakistan/POK	-	2	5	16	23	33	18	22	7	126	10	9	10	38	34	31	15	29	13	189
2.	Afghanistan	-	-	1	1	9	-	1	10	-	22	4	2	4	50	49	14	13	12	1	149
3.	Egypt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
4.	Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	7
5.	Yemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	4
6.	Lebanon	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Bahrain	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
8.	Chechnia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
9.	Bosnia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
10.	Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	35	40	105	156	22	359
Total		-	2	6	20	32	33	19	32	7	151	14	12	14	90	122	85	139	197	40	713

[Translation]

Hindi Month

1943. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA:
SHRI SURESH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by various Ministries on celebrating Hind Months last year;

(b) the percentage of work being performed original in Hindi in the Ministries as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government consider that celebration of Hindi Month is the only way to promote Hindi in Government offices; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to promote Hindi in official work?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Hindi Day, Hindi Week, Hindi Fortnight or Hindi Month is organised in various offices throughout the country every year. Figures regarding expenditure incurred on these celebrations are not available in the Deptt. of Official Language. These celebrations create favourable atmosphere for the progressive use of Official Language policy.