

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.

(c) and (d) Govt. has taken a number of steps for the progressive use of Official Language, such as training pertaining to Official Language, Publicity and propagation, Awards and Incentives Schemes etc.

[English]

Import and Allocation of Palmolein Oil

1944. SHRI DINSHAW PATEL:
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the import of Palmolein oil and its distribution to various States against their demand during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the requirement of palmolein per month in Gujarat;

(c) whether the Gujarat State has allotted less oil than other States;

(d) whether the State has requested to enhance the quantity of palmolein;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to release the entire quantity of Palmolein required under PDS to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) Import of Refined Bleached and Deodorised (RBD) Palmolein by the State Trading Corporation (STC) on Government Account, exclusively for the Public Distribution System, (PDS), during 1996-97 and 1997-98 has been 1.49 lakh M.T.s and 0.89 lakh M.T.s, respectively. The demand, allocation and lifting of RBD Palmolein in respect of the States /U.Ts. for PDS during the last two years as been as under:

(in Lakh M.Ts.)

Year	Demand	Allocation	Lifting
1996-97	4.57	1.93	1.80
1997-98	1.73	1.36	0.62

(b) The demand of Gujarat for RBD Palmolein during the last two years was as under:

1996-97

April-July, 1998 6,000 M.Ts per month

August-October, 1996 9,000 M.Ts. per month

Nov. 1996-March, 1997 5,000 M.Ts. per month

1997-98

August-Nov., 1997 5,000 M.Ts. per month

(c) The allocation of 40,000 M.Ts made to Gujarat during 1996-97 was the second highest and constituted 20.74% of the total allocation made to the States/U.Ts. The allocation of 20,000 M.Ts. made during 1997-98 was exactly the same as demanded by the Government of Gujarat.

(d) to (f) The Government of Gujarat has asked for the allocation of RBD Palmolein for the period from August to November, 1998 @ 9,000 M.Ts. per month. The demand of the States, including Gujarat, for allocation of RBD Palmolein will be considered after finalisation of the import programme of RBD palmolein for the current year. Allocation to the States/U.Ts., if made, will be on the basis of the inter-se requirement of the States/U.Ts., availability of oil for PDS, storage capacity with the STC at nearby port depots and pace of lifting of previous allocation etc.

[Translation]

Assistance to Public Sector Institutions

1945. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public sector institutions are working for the expansion and development of the petroleum and Natural Gas industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of assistance provided for research and exploration work to these institutions during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(d) the actual amount spent on the said works during the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (d) The Oil Sector PSEs are working continuously for expansion and development of Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry through regular ongoing projects. These projects are funded by internal resources of the PSEs. Oil Industry Development Board under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas supplements the efforts of Oil Industry by providing loans and grants for research and exploration work. The details of loans/grants disbursed/utilised on research and exploration activity during the years 1995-96 to 1997-98 are given in the statement enclosed.