

Repatriation of Bangla Refugees

7308. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of sending back the Bangladesh refugees living in Tripura has started;

(b) if so, the number of refugees returned to Bangladesh so far; and

(c) by which date all the refugees are expected to go back to their country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI
SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No definitive date can be indicated for the repatriation of the refugees. The Government of India have impressed upon the Bangladesh Government on many occasions including the occasion of External Affairs Minister's recent visit to Bangladesh to do everything possible to persuade the refugees to return.

[*Translation*]

Refugees in India

7310. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
SHRI PHOOLCHAND VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of refugees from other countries have been entering India for some time past;

(b) if so, the number of such refugees in the country till the end of January, 1990;

(c) the country-wise number thereof;

(d) whether Government have made necessary arrangements for their repatriation and to monitor their activities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI
SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). The number of person from Sri Lanka, Tibet, Burma, and Bangladesh staying in different parts of the country by the end of January, 1990 was as follows:

Sri Lanka	—	91,539
Tibetan	—	80,000
Burma	—	89
Bangladesh	—	58,406
		2,30,034

(d) and (e). These persons are housed in various Camps in India pending their return to their homes. Government are of the view that the return of normalcy in their countries will ultimately motivate them to return. As regards monitoring the activities of these persons, proper security measures are taken in all the camps to ensure that the refugees abide by our laws.

[*English*]

Bomb Blasts in Delhi

7311. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any headway has been made in the bomb blasts that rocked the capital recently; and