

Adequate preventive measures are taken against such threats in a militancy infested areas by greater vigil, strengthening of the intelligence system and evolving new tactics to tackle such situations. However, a few incidents of this nature are not unexpected in such high militancy situations. Nevertheless, all incidents of this kind are thoroughly investigated and measures instituted in order to reduce such incidents to the minimum possible.

Civil Defence Infrastructure for tackling possible nuclear attack

820. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal for establishment civil defence infrastructure required to tackle possible nuclear attack in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how much it is likely to cost; and
- (d) by when it is going to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) A model plan in connection with this matter was sent to the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. According to them, the implementation of the plan is estimated to cost Rs. 400 crores approximately. The plan is under their consideration at present.

Bharat Ratna for Mataji Nirmala Devi

1821. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that most revered Mataji Nirmala Devi, the founder Chairperson of Vishwa Nirmala Dharma and Life Internal Trust, has worked for the solution of crucial, individual and common problems of human life, by way of Sahaj Yoga in about 80 countries of the world by awakening of Kundalini;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to confer the highest Honour Bharat Ratna on the most

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revered Mataji Nirmala Devi working for India to make it a leading nation in the world; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under Government's consideration to confer the award of 'Bharat Ratna' on Mataji Nirmala Devi.

Killing of an old Man by Travel Agents In Delhi

822. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times, dated 16th November, 1999 about a sixty year old man being threatened to death by half a dozen travel agents in Connaught Place;

(b) if so, Government reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government against travel agencies, which promise to send people out of the country, in return for huge amounts of money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The reported incident took place on 13th November, 1999 and a case was registered on the same day at Connaught Place Police Station in which two of the accused persons were arrested and placed in judicial custody. Non-bailable warrants against the other accused persons have also been obtained from the Court.

(c) As and when complaints of cognizable offences by travel agents/agencies are received, criminal cases are registered by the police and investigated to ensure that the guilty, if any, are brought to book.

Circulation of Fake Currency in North-East

823. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale circulation of fake currency notes in the country's North-East region, believed to be handi work of Pakistan's ISI and suspected to have found its way to the RBI;