

Illegal Madrassas in Border Areas in Rajasthan

†1448. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received information regarding the setting up of illegal Madrassas in the border areas in Rajasthan, along the Pakistan border; if so, the action proposed to be taken; and

(b) the number of citizens who came into the country through Visa passport and did not return back/are untraceable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. As per available information some madrassas have been constructed on the border areas either on Government or private land without prior permission of the concerned authorities as per the law. The State Government has initiated action in such cases and the matter is sub judice.

(b) As on 30th June, 1999, a total of 45,524 foreign nationals were over-staying in the country after expiry of their passport/visa.

Indo-Pak meeting to stop unprovoked firing

†1449. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held between India and Pakistan recently to stop unprovoked firing on border, particularly not to resort to firing on civil areas;

(b) if so, whether any understanding between the two countries in this regard was reached in this meeting; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pakistani Rangers was held at Lahore from 18th to 21st Nov. '99 in which points regarding unprovoked firing especially on innocent civilians was discussed. During the meeting both sides agreed to instruct their troops not to

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resort to unprovoked firing and resolve matters through immediate flag meeting at local Commanders level.

Rape of Minors in Delhi

1450. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Three out of four rape victims are minors' as appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 19th November, 1999;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that rape on minors are increasing in the country, particularly in Delhi and the law enforcing agencies have totally failed to check this crime;

(c) if so, the facts and details of such crime held during the last three years in Delhi; and

(d) whether Government propose to amend the rape laws to make them effective; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement indicating the number of rape cases registered against minors (below 16 years) in the State/Union territories during 1996, 1997 and 1998 is enclosed. (*See below*).

(d) The Central Government is presently considering a proposal to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape.

Statement

*Rape against minors (below 16 years) during 1996 to 1998 States/UTs
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S.No. States/UTs	Number of Victims		
	1996	1997	1998.
1. Andhra Pradesh	269	347	288
2. Arunachal Pradesh	14	27	10
3. Assam	147	195	209
4. Bihar	217	198	197