

of outside agencies to study management system of the CSD is an on-going process. Studies have been carried out in the past by organisations like College of Defence Management Data Consultancy Services, DCM Data Products, INS Hamla and the NITT.

(c) to (e) As CSDs purchases are meant for sale to the troops and other entitled categories, the same are based on their preference/ choice. In such purchases, CSD does not discriminate between vendors, on the ground of size/capacity and no preference is shown to any category of suppliers. CSD's purchase-field is not confined to large cities; it is widespread and broad-based. The small scale entrepreneurs are regularly, encouraged to supply standard products.

#### Upgradation of ITR

1906. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the upgradation of the famed Interim Test Range (ITR) at Balasore in Orissa;

(b) if so, the various plans formulated and programmes prepared under the upgradation proposal; and

(c) the various steps taken that in direction?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) There is no proposal to upgrade the Interim Test Range (ITR). However continuous improvement of instrumentation in ITR is carried out to impart better operational features.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### Insurance in North-East

1907. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders and killings, State-wise, on account of insurgent activities in each of the years since 1991-92 in the North Eastern region;

(b) whether, any concrete evidence exists establishing formal or informal arrangements between terrorist groups in the North-Eastern region and agents of foreign, intelligence; and

(c) whether the representations have been made to foreign Governments with whom we maintain diplomatic links about involvement of their agents in such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The details are given in the statement (see below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

#### Statement

Statewise number of killings Due to Insurgent activities During 1931-1998.

Sr.No	State	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	5	2	0	0	15	4
2	Assam	158	91	99	211	240	389	370	(upto Oct.) 466 (upto Oct.)