

(c) what is the present position and by when they are likely to be released; and

(d) what is the present number of Afghan and other foreign militants in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Kashmir Valley and Doda and other areas of Jammu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) The aim and effort of Government has been to try and bring about the safe release of the hostages, through a process of dialogue and persuasion and by appealing to the sense of reason and humanity among those responsible for the abduction; and to desist from doing anything that could provide encouragement to further acts of terrorism including abduction. Close liaison and contact has also been maintained with the officials of the Missions of the concerned countries, whose nationals have been abducted. Their officials have also been facilitated to visit Srinagar in keeping with the policy of transparency. Statements have also been issued from time to time by almost all the militant/secessionist outfits in J&K, by the Governments of all the concerned countries and organisations like Amnesty International etc. condemning the incident and demanding release of the hostages. Simultaneously, the Government have avoided any precipitate action which could jeopardise the lives of the hostages. As the foreign tourists are still in the captivity of the abductors it is not possible to indicate as to when they will be released.

(d) It is not possible to give the precise number of foreign nationals/mercenaries operating in the Valley or in the State. There are a number of militant outfits which have foreign mercenaries in their ranks which mainly include the Harkat-ul-Ansar, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Toiba, Al-Burq,

Tahreek-ul-Mujahideen etc. According to information available 328 foreign militants have been killed and 86 arrested till now in the State.

एड्स का मुकाबला करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश के गैर सरकारी संगठनों को दी गई वित्तीय सहायता

466. श्री दिलीप सिंह जुदेव: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में जिलावार किस-किस गैर सरकारी संगठन को एड्स का मुकाबला करने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता मिल रही है;

(ख) उन संगठनों को वर्ष 1991-92, 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान कितनी धनराशि दी गई;

(ग) क्या एड्स के बारे में जागरूकता उत्पन्न करने में उनकी उपलब्धियों का कोई मूल्यांकन किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री ए० आर० अंतुले): (क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान एक गैर-सरकारी संस्था "शुरूआत" को मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा आर्थिक सहायता दी गई है।

(ख) वर्ष 1991-92, 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में किसी भी एन०जी०ओ० को अनुदान नहीं दिया गया।

(ग) और (घ) एन जी०ओ० जो कि नुक़ड नाटक करते हैं के कार्य निष्पादन में स्थानीय प्रचार माध्यम का ध्यान आकर्षित किया है।

Plan for making Indian Air Force more effective

467. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan for training and making the Indian Air Force more effective by outdating, updating and modernising its fleet;

(b) if so, the broad features of the plan; and