

Hyderabad) during the last three years is:

1993	1994	1995
202008	131342	149422

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The average number of passport applications received from Visakhapatnam and Vijaywada in a month are 625 and 350 respectively. As the demand for passports from these two places is not very high, there is no felt need at present to open offices at either of these two places. Moreover, Passport Office, Hyderabad is well equipped to serve and cater to all districts of Andhra Pradesh including the above two.

कुल्लू स्थित अबेरी में सेना की छावनी की स्थापना

390. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताते के कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले में अबेरी नामक स्थान पर सेना की छावनी बनाने हेतु भूमि का अभिग्रहण करने की नवीनतम स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) अधिग्रहण कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) उक्त छावनी की स्थापना में हुई प्रगति की नवीनतम स्थिति क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) से (ग) छावनी की स्थापना के लिए (क) कुमसू गांव में राज्य सरकार की 11.26 हेक्टेयर (133 बीघा 12 बिस्वा) और अबेरी गांव में 38.52 हेक्टेयर (456 बीघा 18 बिस्वा) भूमि तथा (ख) अबेरी गांव में 105.95 हेक्टेयर (1256 बीघा 14 बिस्वा) गैर-सरकारी भूमि के हस्तांतरण / अधिग्रहण के लिए 2 जुलाई, 1991 को मंजूरी जारी की गई थी। शिमला जिले के कुमसू गांव में राज्य सरकार की 11.26 हेक्टेयर (133 बीघा 12 बिस्वा) भूमि पर 9.9.94 को कब्जा ले लिया गया है। अबेरी गांव में राज्य सरकार की 38.52 हेक्टेयर (456 बीघा 18 बिस्वा) भूमि की मांग छोड़ दी गई है। अबेरी गांव में गैर-सरकारी भूमि के अधिग्रहण के संबंध में राज्य सरकार ने भूमि अर्जन अधिनियम की धारा 4 के तहत 16.11.94 को नोटिस जारी कर दिया है जिसे राज्य के राजपत्र में 21.9.95 को प्रकाशित किया गया था। तत्पश्चात् इस अधिनियम को धारा-6 के तहत

15.2.96 को तत्संबंधी घोषणा कर दी गई थी और उसे राज्य के राजपत्र में 29.2.96 को प्रकाशित किया गया था। इस संबंध में राज्य सरकार द्वारा भूमि अर्जन अधिनियम के तहत आगे की कार्रवाई दो वर्ष के भीतर पूरी की जानी है। छावनी की स्थापना सेना प्राधिकारियों द्वारा भूमि पर वास्तविक कब्जा किए जाने के बाद ही की जा सकती है।

Notification of Schedule 'B' of Buchawat Award

391. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have urged for notifying schedule 'B' of Buchawat Award; and

(b) the various steps taken by Government to implement the Buchawat Award?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHTRA): (a) and (b) There is no Schedule — 'B' of the Bachawat Award. However, the Tribunal had considered Scheme — 'B' while considering allocation of Krishna Water to the Basin States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Karnataka while seeking clarification had prayed to the Tribunal to direct the implementation of the Scheme — 'B' irrespective of the consent of the Basin States. But the Tribunal did not include Scheme — 'B' in its final order.

In accordance with Section 6 of Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 the Government of India published the decisions of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal on 31st May, 1976, thus making it final and binding on the party States.

Damage of Vehicles during towing away

392. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a crane without the police constable being present towed away a car with a girl therein recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for the police cop not being present on duty and towing away a car with a girl therein;

(c) whether the matter has been enquired into and corrective steps has been taken to check such incidents in future;

(d) whether the vehicles are damaged while towing them away;

(e) if so, the steps taken not to let such damages in future; and

(f) the reasons for the Police not owing all the cranes and taking them on hire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) A constable was present on the spot from where the car was towed away. The girl, it is reported, escaped attention of the constable, as the car had dark tinted glass windows which hampered a clear view of what was there inside the car. The constable has been placed under suspension. He was supposed to accompany the crane to the Defence Colony Police Station. The crane in question has been black-listed and removed from further duty. All Traffic Inspectors have been briefed about the incident. They have been advised to ensure that crane operations are carried out in the presence of Zonal Officer and a Traffic Constable is invariably seated in the crane when it tows a vehicle away.

(d) and (e) The cases of damage to vehicles during towing operations are rare. However, if a vehicle is damaged during such operations, the crane owner is asked to get the same repaired. Crane owners have been advised to take proper precautions while towing away vehicles.

(f) The Delhi Traffic Police has 9 cranes of its own. Private cranes are hired to meet the actual requirement.

Bomb Blasts in Delhi

393. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following a powerful car bomb blast at Lajpat Nagar central market in South Delhi a number of

persons were killed and shops were gutted in fire;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the number of bomb blasts in the city since January, 1996 and the number of persons killed;

(c) the outcome of the investigations made into the bomb blasts stating the arrests, if any, made in this connection;

(d) the measures taken by Government in the matter; and

(e) the compensation paid to the nearest kith and kin of the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) During the year 1996 (upto 30.6.1996), there have been two cases of bomb blast in Delhi, one on 3.1.1996 in Sadar Bazar and the other on 21.5.1996 in the Central Market, Lajpat Nagar.

Seven persons were killed and thirty six persons were injured in the bomb blast in Sadar Bazar on 3.1.1996. Four scooters, one motorcycle, on TSR, two rickshaws, one Rehri, one hand cart, five cycles and five shops were also damaged. One persons has been arrested in connection with this case. The case is pending trial.

Fourteen persons were killed, thirty eight persons were injured and 24 shops/ buildings and eight vehicles were damaged in the bomb blast in the Central Market, Lajpat Nagar on 21.5.1996. Eight persons have been arrested in connection with this case.

There was another incident during 1996 i.e. on 20.4.1996 in which a four-storeyed building housing a guest house in Paharganj collapsed killing seventeen persons and injuring thirty one others. There is a difference of opinion among the experts so far as the cause of this collapse is concerned. The Delhi Police is taking action to obtain the opinion of another expert to resolve the issue.

(d) Among the steps taken to check the recurrence of such incidents are formation of an Anti-Terrorist Cell in