

Kashmir Valley, Kashmiri militants have been found visiting the State of Uttar Pradesh. Involvement of a Kashmiri militant outfit in the recent kidnappings of foreigners is strongly suspected.

(c) to (e) Government is alive to the situation and are taking all necessary steps in this regard which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, coordinated action by Central and State agencies including intelligence sharing, deployment of para-military forces as well as intensified patrolling in areas affected by Kashmir terrorists. As a result of these measures, some of the militants have already been arrested.

Security provided to political personalities

1223. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN.
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different categories of security provided to political personalities and public figures;

(b) number of persons other than Ministers who have been provided security under different categories;

(c) how many security personnel have been engaged in the security of VIPs and V.V.I.P.s and the expenditure incurred annually on them; and

(d) number of persons to whom second category security has been provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) At present 416 protected persons other than Ministers are being provided protection by Police in Delhi under different categories of security. The total expenditure incurred by Delhi Police on the security of the above protected persons and including Ministers was Rs. 19.01 crores approximately in 1993. The SPG incurred an expenditure of Rs. 19.92 crores approx. in 1993-94.

Waiting List for LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh

1224. SHRI VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections at present in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of connections released during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) the target fixed for providing new LPG connections during the current year; and

(d) the number of Gas Agencies functioning in the State at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1-10-1994 the number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh is 8.35 lakhs.

(b) The number of connections released in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years is as under:

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| 1992-93 | | | 56,505 |
| 1993-94 | | | 1,00,836 |

(c) The Public Sector Oil Companies have been issued instructions to enrol 20 lakhs new customers during 1994-95 throughout country. Statewise targets are not fixed. New LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh depending upon the availability of LPG, new customer enrolment plan, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability.

(d) As on 1-10-1994 there were 387 LPG distributors functioning in Andhra Pradesh.

Raids on petrol pumps in Gujarat

1225. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be