

Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state by when Government propose to table in this House the report submitted by the Committee to probe the alleged nexus between politicians and criminals?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): As the Report of the Committee to probe the alleged nexus between politicians and criminals is an internal one, placing the Report on the Table of the House is not under contemplation.

LITE activities in Southern States

2149. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 11th June, 1994 under the caption LTTE had targetted Wije Tunge to eliminate the President of Sri Lanka;

(b)- if so, whether Government are aware of the fact that the LTTE activities have been escalating in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu and other Southern States;

(c) whether the imposition of President's rule in Sri Lanka emboldened the LTTE activists to keep Southern States as their asylum to fight a war against Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government to curb the entry of LTTE people getting into the Indian borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The edition of Hindustan Times dated 11-6-1994 does not carry the said news item.

(b) No escalation of LTTE activities in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu and other southern States has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) With the coordinated action taken by Central and State Governments infiltration by LTTE activists in the Southern States to keep as their asylum to fight war against Sri Lanka is not possible.

(d) The Central and State Governments are taking coordinated action to prevent any illegal activities by Sri Lankan militants in Tamil Nadu. Considering that Tamil Nadu has a long coastline, elaborate arrangements have been made for preventing possible infiltration. State Government has intensified security arrangements along the coastline by setting up armed check posts as well as mobile patrols. Apart from these measures, the Palk Bay is kept under continuous surveillance by Navy and Coast Guard. The Central Government declared the LTTE as an unlawful Association on 14-5-1994. It will strengthen the hands of the State and Central Governments in containing the activities of LTTE and eliminate the organisation.

Ambitious Telecommunication Plan of Interpol India for checking crimes

2150. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Interpol India has some ambitious plan to augment its software pertaining to telecommunication for checking crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether this arrangement will completely check economic offences and crimes pertaining to terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Interpol Radio Wing India is connected to Interpol Headquarters at Lyota through its Regional Station at

Tokyo. Interpol India (National Central Bureau, India) proposes to modernise its telecommunication system to bring it on par with the Interpol Regional Station at Tokyo and other NCBs as per the recommendation of ICPO-Inttr-pol, Lyons.

(c) It may not be possible to put a complete stop to offences pertaining to economic crimes in particular and terrorism. However, it will help in combatting such offences more effectively by facilitating quicker and safer exchange of information with Interpol Headquarters and the other NCBs.

(d) Communication is an important aspect of dealing with crime and criminals. Facilities for quicker and safer exchange of criminal information go a long way in combatting crime, more so organised crime, like economic crime and terrorism. Modernisation of telecommunication system as per recommendation of ICPO-Interpol would enable Interpol, India to have access to the enormous database of the Interpol General Secretariat and enable to have faster and safer means of communication for the exchange of criminal information with Interpol Headquarters and other member countries.

White Paper on Militancy in Doda District

2151. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 217 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a white paper on the militancy in Doda District; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the increased activities of the militants in Doda, Government have taken special steps to curb this menace and to restore confidence among the people. The presence of security forces in the district has been strengthened, with a view to stepping up counter-militancy operations, and units of the security forces have also been deployed in the vulnerable areas. All these measures have had a positive impact on the situation.

In view of the above position, it is not considered necessary to bring out a white paper on militancy in the District)

Tamil Nadu Reservation Bill

2152. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in a quandary over Tamil Nadu's demand for 69 per cent reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes for admission in Schools and for entry in Government services as against the Supreme Court's ruling that reservation should not exceed 50 per cent;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken or propose to take to sort out this tangle in view of Tamil Nadu's potentially volatile and explosive situation on this issue and the repercussions in other States if Tamil Nadu's request is acceded to in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of seats in Educational Institutions and of appointments or posts in the Services under the State) Bill, 1993 has been assented to by President on 19-07-1994.