

countries. Simultaneously renewed efforts are being made for economic development of the region. As to political reconciliation the policy of the Government has been to encourage all groups to join the national mainstream provided they abjure violence and agree to work within the framework of the Constitution.

(c) After the visit of the Union Home Secretary to Bangladesh in October, 1993 a Joint Working Group has been set up to examine in depth matters of mutual concern including matters relating to support and assistance being received by Indian insurgent groups from within the territory of Bangladesh. The first meeting of the Joint Working Group was held from 29-30 March, 1994 in New Delhi. Government have strongly urged Pakistan on several occasions and at all levels to stop its support to subversion and terrorism. Government have also apprised the international community of the dangers inherent in the support extended by Pakistan to terrorism. Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to counter, support to terrorism from any source and to safeguard the unity and integrity of the nation.

(d) Eruption, continuance and sustenance of insurgency/extremism in some States of North East Region could be attributed to a multiplicity of complex inter-linked factors which are among others historical, social, economic, political etc. Such extremists elements have also received support from outside forces inimical to India's stability.

Tibetan Refugees in the Country

*256. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAN-
DRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Tibetan refugees presently in the country;

(b) what steps are being taken for their relief and rehabilitation;

(c) what are the problems encountered in their relief and rehabilitation; and

(d) what is the annual expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. HAVAN): (a) to (d) There are about 80,000 Tibetan Refugees presently in the country. Government of India has provided them relief and rehabilitation assistance for their resettlement in different States under various agricultural and handicraft schemes. No major problems have been encountered. The expenditure incurred on relief and rehabilitation of Tibetan Refugees, during the last three years, is as follows:—

Year	Amount released
1991-92	Rs. 79.94 lakhs
1992-93	Rs. 20.72 lakhs
1993-94	Rs. NIL

Meeting of Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States

*257. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Chief Ministers of the North-Eastern States was called recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed therein and the steps proposed to be taken to ease the situation in the area?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A meeting was held with the Governor of Manipur and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States on 19th July, 1994 at Delhi. The subjects discussed were:—

(i) Liberalisation of the present permit regime.

(ii) Steps to control insurgency.

(iii) Financial discipline.

(iv) Issue of Identity Cards in infiltration prone areas.

After detailed deliberations various views were arrived at/recommendations made/decisions taken.

With a view to improve the insurgency situation, some of the major conclusion/recommendations include improving intelligence machinery, strengthening of State Police Forces, further improvement of coordination at State and District levels, formation of special squads for checking the problem of extortions etc.

Availability of LPG at Cheaper Rates

*258. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG under parallel marketing system is available at cheaper rates than under the public sector oil companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There being no price control by Government on LPG imported under the parallel marketing system, it is being sold at market — determined prices fixed by parallel marketers on the basis of import price and demand and supply position, which keep varying. Price of LPG being marketed by public sector oil companies is fixed on various considerations like product mix, cost of production cross subsidisation etc.

मध्य प्रदेश में नई रेल लाइनों का बिछाया जाना

*259. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूवेर :
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1990, 1991, 1992 और 1993 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में किन-किन स्थानों पर नई रेल लाइनें बिछायी गयीं ;

(ख) इस समय राज्य में किन-किन स्थानों पर रेल लाइनें बिछाने का कार्य चल रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) इस कार्य के कब तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ङ) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में रेल सेवा के विस्तार और सुधार तथा नई रेल लाइनें बिछाने के संबंध में सरकार द्वारा किए जाने वाले कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री श्री०के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :—

1990-91

(i) कोलारस-शिवपुरी नई बड़ी लाइन खंड (25.46 कि. मी.)

1991-92

(i) पतिहार ग्वालियर नई बड़ी लाइन खंड (24.80 कि.मी.)

(ii) चित्तौड़गढ़-नीमच खंड (53 कि. मी.) (म.प्र. में 19 कि. मी.)—कोटा चित्तौड़गढ़ नीमच नई बड़ी लाइन का एक भाग।