

नागरिकों के प्रति यह सभागृह संवेदना जताता है तथा स्वच्छ और साफ-सुथरा पेय जल उपलब्ध कराने के लिए देश की सभी नगरीय इकाइयों का आह्वान करता है। सरकार से अनुरोध है कि इस दिशा में समुचित कदम उठाए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Shri Sanjay Raut — absent. Shri Shantaram Laxman Naik.

Demand for assistance to Goa to face likely terrorist attack

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK (Goa): Madam, there are reliable reports that Goa may be the next target of the terrorists. The sea coast of Goa which is 104 kilometers, having a number of five star hotels, is vulnerable. Besides, thousands of tourists enjoy nature's beauty, walk along the sea coast during the peak season of December and January.

The Central Government has to step in to give Goa Police a crash course which should be organised by the Home Ministry immediately. Further, bullet-proof jackets, AK 47 rifles and vehicles have to be dispatched to Goa on a war footing.

It has to be admitted that most of our police force, and for that matter, in most of the States, are not trained to face deadly terrorists, it takes time for the National Security Guards to reach the place under attack, and therefore, the State police are to be trained at least to the extent of holding the fort till the arrival of the NSG forces.

Christmas and the New Year Festivals are round the corner in Goa. If the tourists are convinced that enough security arrangements are made, then, there may not be further cancellation of reservations of which reports are daily pouring in.

The Central Government should extend a financial package for a smaller State like Goa to purchase sophisticated weaponry, gadgets, vehicles, speed boats etc.

The Defence Ministry has to give the Navy and the Coast Guards necessary instructions to keep constant vigil on our sea coast and intercept suspicious vessels and minutely scrutinize the documents produced by them, lest we are not taken by surprise. Thank you.

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention raised by my colleague, Shri Shantaram Laxman Naik.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Shri Jai Parkash Aggarwal, Shri Syed Azeez Pasha, Shri Moinul Hassan — absent.

Demand to take initiative to protect the interests and rights of workers engaged in tea industry

SHRI SAMAN PATHAK (West Bengal): Madam, today is the International Tea Day. On this occasion, I take this opportunity and shed light on some of the major issues relating to our tea industry.

Madam, in the last few years we have seen the tea industry running through a huge crisis in India. We have to face this crisis because of the cut-down in tea imports by the western countries which have major markets. On the other hand, the globalisation has an effect on our tea industry, directly