

- (b) if so, whether the Authority has been invested with all the powers and resources;
- (c) if so, the role of this authority in tackling the flood that hit Bihar recently; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVE): (a) and (b) Yes Madam. National Disaster Management Authority has been constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Authority has been invested with all the requisite powers and resources.

(c) The Authority has appropriately contributed in relief and rescue measures in the wake of floods in Bihar.

(d) Question does not arise.

Internal Security Centre to eliminate terrorism

995. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the status of the proposal of IIT, Kanpur to establish an Internal Security Centre to eliminate terrorism in the country;
- (b) whether Government has taken any decision to implement this proposal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The IIT, Kanpur had submitted a proposal to set up a Centre with the aim of providing support in respect of security related matters requiring scientific, technological and analytical study and expertise. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry in consultation with various agencies.

Law and order situation in Kandhamal, Orissa

996. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that law and order situation in Kandhamal district, Orissa is becoming worst day by day and thousands of Minority Community people have left their home since they could not get protection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the strategy of State Government for maintaining communal harmony in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Following the killing of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and four others on 23.8.2008 by some armed miscreants, there was widespread violence in Orissa, particularly