

### Steps to check the rise in Fundamentalism

391. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any steps to check the rise in fundamentalism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Fundamentalism has no place in a secular country and concerted efforts to check it and educate people on the concept of secularism needs to be made by all sections of Society. This is a continuous process involving all departments and agencies of Government.

### Unabated infiltration from across the Western Borders

392. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration from across India's borders on the West is continuing unabated, if so, the number of Pakistanis and Bangladeshis who have entered India during the last six months; and

(b) what steps have been taken to check these infiltrations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): There is some infiltration from across India's Borders on the West, but there has been a decline in the overall numbers. The figures for the last six months

will be collected and placed before the House.

(b) The security forces on the Indo-Pak border are on alert. Measures taken for strengthening surveillance along the border include: strengthening of BSF, establishing additional border out-posts, construction of observation post towers and providing increased mobility to border patrols, etc.

### Scheme for the training of computer personnel

393. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have embarked upon any scheme for the training of personnel in different States in operating computers, keeping in view the increasing use of computers in different fields; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the surge of computer activities in the country in the last few years, the need for computer trained personnel is rapidly growing. Department of Electronics has initiated a Programme on Generation of Manpower for Computers in an effort to meet the increasing shortage of computer personnel. The programme is being implemented jointly with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (M of HRD)/University Grants Commission (UGC) and Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T). In some cases, the implementation is also done with the joint support of State Governments. Under this programme, a number of computer courses have been started in