

Under the scheme of the Terrorist Affected Areas (Special Courts) Act, 1984, the classification of offences is on the basis of the nature of offences and not on the basis of persons alleged to have committed those offences. Certain offences are mentioned in the Schedule to the Act and persons committing these offences in a terrorist affected areas are treated equally. Thus, no distinction has been made between one offender and the other offender committing the same offence.

It is not correct to say that real case relating to actual terrorists are kept pending. The cases are taken up by the Special courts for trial according to the roster fixed by the Presiding Officers of the Special Courts.

(b) According to the available information as on 22nd March, 1985 the number of trials which have so far been completed by the Special Courts in Punjab is 1976. The number of cases which have ended in conviction after trial is 1785. Of the cases resulting in conviction, the number of cases in which accused are reported by the State Government of Punjab to have confessed the charges is 744. The number of cases in which appeal has been preferred by the Government is 15.

(c) As on 22nd March, 1985, the number of cases which were pending in the Special Courts in Punjab is 3264. The number of accused involved in the pending cases is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Formation of Committee consisting of British M.Ps, to revive the so-called "Kashmir issue"

1282. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 16th March, 1985 regarding certain Members of the British Parliament having formed a committee to revive the so-called "Kashmir issue"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available reports, some British Members of Parliament participated in a meeting held on 13th March, 1985, in London at which a decision was reportedly taken to form a so-called Committee on Kashmir.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. The holding of such a meeting and the participation of British MPs in it are, therefore, both objectionable and regrettable.

Our High Commission in London has been in touch with all concerned in this regard.

ग्रामीण तथा शहरी क्षेत्रों में आय में अन्तर

1283. श्री हुसमदेव नाशियन यादव: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में पिछले तीन वर्षों में शहरी तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अधिकतम और न्यूनतम आय में कितना अन्तर बढ़ा है; और

(ख) उक्त अन्तर को कम करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. आर. नाशियन) : (क) तथा (ख) देश में पिछले तीन वर्षों में शहरी तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अधिकतम और न्यूनतम आय में अन्तर के संबंध में सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है। तथापि सरकार ग्रामीण तथा शहरी दोनों क्षेत्रों में जनसंख्या के कमजोर वर्गों को ऊपर उठाने के लिए अनेक योजनाएं कार्यान्वित कर रही है। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में एकीकृत ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम, राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण

रोजगार कार्यक्रम तथा ग्रामीण भूमिहीन श्रमिक रोजगार आश्वासन कार्यक्रम चल रहे हैं। शहरी क्षेत्रों में कमजोर वर्गों की दशा सुधारने के जो कार्यक्रम हैं उनमें गन्दी बस्तियों का वातावरण सुधारना, आर्थिक रूप से पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए भवन निर्माण कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वित करना और विस्तृत सार्वजनिक वितरण कार्यक्रम आते हैं।

Development of Environment of Industrial Cities

1284. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal of time-bound programme for the development of environment of industrial cities and all the capitals of the States in the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of the Mandal Commission Report

1285. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 432 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 1984 and state:

(a) whether Government have since elicited public opinion on the list of backward classes recommended by the Mandal Commission;

(b) whether Government have received comments from all State Government on the Mandal Commission Report.

(c) if not, the State Government which have not yet forwarded their comments; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to implement the Mandal Commission report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA):

(a) to (c) The modalities for eliciting

public opinion on the Report of Mandal Commission are under consideration of the Government. Comments from most of the State Governments have been received. However, final comments from the Governments of Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have not yet been received.

(d) As indicated above, at this stage, modalities for eliciting public opinion are being considered.

Construction of New Cottages in the ITDC Hotel at Mahabalipuram

1286. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2463 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st August, 1984 and state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the Sixth Five Year Plan for addition of new cottages in the ITDC hotel at Mahabalipuram;

(b) if so, what are the funds allotted therefor;

(c) what portion of the above funds has so far been utilized; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) to (d) No separate allocation exists in the ITDC's Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) for addition of new cottages in its Hotel at Mahabalipuram. However, a lump sum provision of Rs 100 lakhs has been made for expansion of some of the existing hotels and travellers' lodges, including Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort at Mahabalipuram.

Construction of new cottages in the above Hotel is not considered necessary at this stage, as adequate accommodation has been provided by private sector.