

All major facilities provided to freedom fighters are also extended to their widows/widowers.

**Border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka**

666. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka is pending for more than fifty three years;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that the Marathi speaking people in the disputed border areas are harassed by the local administration of Karnataka by forcing them to learn the Kannada language, posting Kannada speaking teachers in the Marathi Schools and utterly neglecting the development of their disputed area;

(c) whether Government is aware that the written statement has not yet been submitted by Central Government to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India even though the case was filed in 1904; and

(d) if so, what is the stand of Government on this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some representations have been received, which have been sent to Government of Karnataka.

(c) and (d) Written Statement on behalf of Union India in Original Suit No. 4 of 2004, the State of Maharashtra versus the Union of India and Another in the Supreme Court has already been filed on 16.11.2006. The Government of India is of the view that the dispute is to be resolved primarily by the State Governments concerned through discussions and mutual accommodation.

**Sexual assault on foreign girls**

667. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that sexual assaults even on foreign girls have become a phenomenal occurrence in the country;

(b) if so, what stringent action or extra precautionary measures are being taken by Government;

(c) whether Government is also aware that the law and order machinery has lost its sensitivity regarding sexual crimes; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to meet this unprecedented situation?