

In addition to the above, meetings are also convened by SHOs in respect of persons residing in their jurisdiction to reach out to the residents from the North-Eastern region and address the problems and issues raised by them.

All SDPOs and SHOs have been directed to give a patient hearing and address the grievances of the residents of North-Eastern states as and when these are reported. They have also been directed to hold meetings with them and taken prompt appropriate action on their complaints/grievances.

Detailed instructions have been issued to sensitize the staff of the PCR vans and Police Stations so as to make them more sensitive and empathetic towards the problems and grievances of people from the North-Eastern region residing in Delhi.

Gurgaon- No, Sir. It is not a fact that the North Eastern girls are not safe in Gurgaon. No such case was registered in the commissionerate, Gurgaon against North-Eastern people during the last four years. Such areas in Gurgaon, where North-Eastern people are residing, are fully secured and protected. A strict vigil is kept by local police of Commissionerate of Gurgaon.

#### **Terrorist organizations involved in opium trade**

†690. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the trade of opium crop is on the rise across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that international smugglers or terrorist organizations emerging in border areas have a hand in such kind of cultivation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No such incidence has been reported so far.
- (d) Does not arise.

#### **Indifference towards security of Andaman and Nicobar islands**

†691. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is indifferent on the need of the development of isolated islands of Andaman Nicobar island group;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.