

and District Disaster Mitigation Fund to District Disaster Management Authority. The provision of Section 48 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 has come into force with effect from 01.07.2007.

Government of India recently approved the National Policy on Disaster Management which also casts responsibility on the States to constitute the State Disaster Mitigation Fund and District Disaster Mitigation Fund.

#### **Visa-on arrival facility**

663. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:  
SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently decided to launch visa-on arrival facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of countries which will be provided this facility and the fees fixed therefor; and
- (d) whether Government would also ensure that the countries to which this facility would be provided also extend same to Indian tourists going there on reciprocal basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The Government has *w.e.f.* 1.1.2010 introduced a "Tourist Visa-on-Arrival" scheme for citizens of five countries *viz.*, Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand and Singapore at four international airports in the country, *viz.* Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

A fee of US \$ 60/- or an equivalent amount in Indian rupees per passenger (including children), is to be charged from each foreigner of these countries for grant of a Tourist Visa-on-Arrival.

The "Tourist Visa-on-Arrival" scheme with these five countries has been implemented as a unilateral initiative of the Government of India with the objective of promoting tourism.

#### **Measures for holistic development of naxal affected areas**

†664. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of efforts being made by Government for the solution of Naxal problem;
- (b) the measures being taken for holistic development of naxal affected areas and to bring the diverted people into the mainstream of society;
- (c) whether for solution of this problem this thinking is going to become stronger that all who are indulged in naxal violent activities may be killed; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.