

Disaster management training to home guards

4374. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) recommended for giving training in disaster management and paramedical training to the Home Guards;

(b) if so, what is the present level of training given to them; and

(c) what steps are being taken to implement the recommendations of ARC?

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

(b) Various training programs i.e. Basic, Refresher, Advanced, Leadership Trainings for Home Guards are being conducted by States/Union Territories at District Training Centers/Central Training Institutes established by them. At Central level, various training programs for Home Guards relating to disaster/para-medical, etc. are conducted at National Civil Defence College, Nagpur.

(c) Home Guards in States/Union Territories are governed, employed and administered under the respective State Home Guards Acts and Rules. Accordingly all the States/UTs have been requested to consider the report of 2nd Administrative Reform Commission (ARC) titled "Crisis Management From Despair to Hope", for implementation. As per available information, 16 States/UTs have implemented the recommendations. It is for the State Government concerned to implement these recommendations.

Bomb blast outside Chinnaswamy stadium

4375. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether low intensity IEDs blasted outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore ahead of the IPL match on 17th April, 2010;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has asked a detailed report of the incident from the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to direct State Governments to deal firmly with such terrorist acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As per available information on April, 17, 2010, two low intensity blasts took place near the perimeter