

Department of Fisheries is taking steps to issue ID cards to all the fishermen. The Registrar General of India (RGI) is also undertaking an exercise to issue ID cards to the population residing in the coastal villages including fishermen, as a part of their project of creation of National Population Register (NPR).

(b) The initiatives mentioned in the last para aim at creating biometric database for the population living in the coastal areas and issuing ID cards to individuals of age 18 years and above.

(c) Every efforts are taken that the aforesaid security measures do not adversely effected our fishermen depending on sea operations for their livelihood. Rather, they take active parts in coastal security exercise/operations as eyes and ears for intelligence gathering for security agencies.

#### **Bullet-proof jackets for paramilitary forces**

4388. SHRI JAI PAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is procuring bullet-proof jackets for paramilitary forces especially after Maoist attack in Dantewara recently killing more than 69 paramilitary jawans;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the names of companies short listed for procuring bullet-proof jackets?

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

(b) The procurement process was started in July 2009 before the Dantewada incident. The order for procurement of 59000 Nos. of BP Jackets was placed on 27.4.2010.

(c) M/s MKU Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

#### **Enquiring into breach of Kosi Embankment**

4389. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who died and those rendered homeless in floods over the last three years;

(b) the progress of relief and rehabilitation efforts following the Kosi floods of 2008;

(c) whether Government has completed the enquiry into the breach of the embankment that led to the tragedy;