

- (iii) Dr. Abusaleh Shariff, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, Delhi-Member;
- (iv) Dr. (Ms.) Ravinder Kaur, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi-Member
- (v) Shri Vinod K Duggal, IAS (Retd.), former Home Secretary-Member Secretary.

(c) The Central Government has not received recommendation from any State Government for creation of new States. However, demands and representations have been received from time to time from various individuals and organizations for creation of new States like Telangana in Andhra Pradesh, Vidarbha in Maharashtra, Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Bhojpur in East Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Bihar, Saurashtra in Gujarat, Coorg in Karnataka, Coshalanchal in Western Orissa, Gorkhaland in West Bengal, Mithilanchal in North Bihar, parts of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, Purvanchal, Harith Pradesh, Braj Pradesh and Awadh Pradesh comprising various regions of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) Government takes decision on the matter of formation of new States after taking into consideration all relevant factors. Action by the Government would depend on the felt need and general consensus. No definite time-frame can be specified in this regard.

#### **Deploying additional paramilitary forces in Orissa**

198. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Orissa is one of the worst hit States from left wing extremism;
- (b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to deploy additional paramilitary forces to deal with the left wing extremism in the State of Orissa; and
- (c) by when Government is likely to deploy additional forces to the State of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) to (c) Orissa is one of the most LWE affected States. 4 Bns of CRPF have already been provided to Orissa to deal with naxal violence. 5 additional Bns. of CPMF have been earmarked for Orissa which will be in place shortly. One CoBRA Bn has been stationed at Koraput.

#### **Ensuring constitutional safeguard to indigenous people of Assam**

199. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) the steps taken so far to ensure constitutional safeguard to the indigenous people of Assam in connection with implementation of Assam Accord;