

(a) whether the Union Government has recently directed the border States, particularly along the Indo-Bangla border to guard against people from across the border who may try to enroll themselves in the National Population Register (NPR);

(b) if so, whether the 2011 Census and NPR exercises would be conducted to ensure that no foreigner is included in the list; and

(c) if so, the other preventive steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to create a National Population Register (NPR) in the country by collecting information on specific characteristics of each 'usual resident' alongwith Census 2011. The NPR would have photographs and biometrics of all such 'usual residents' who are of age 15 years and above. The data collection work for Census 2011 and NPR is undertaken by the enumerators, most of whom are school teachers/government officials. The entire exercise is being conducted under the direct supervision of Tehsildars, who are designated as Sub-district Registrars and the Collectors/DMs who are designated as District Registrars.

All the State/UTs Governments have been fully briefed on the preparation of NPR and Census 2011. Elaborate training has also been given to State Government Officials in this regard. The matter was also discussed with the Chief Ministers of States during the Chief Minister's Conference on 07.02.2010. The State Government Officials have been asked to ensure that all 'usual residents' of the country are covered without omission or duplication. Further, the list of 'usual residents' will be published in local areas and placed in Gram Sabha/Ward Committee for invitation of objections and claims. Claims and objections would be looked into by the Revenue Officials of the State-Village Officer (Local), Tehsildar (Sub-District) and Collector (District level). The finalized list will also be sent to Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) for de-duplication and issue of Unique ID Numbers. Identity cards are proposed to be issued to 'usual residents' of the country who are of age 18 years and above. The master NPR database and identity cards, once issued, would act as deterrent to check illegal immigration and infiltration in the country.

Non-functional course at National Fire Service College, Nagpur

3576. SHRI R.C. SINGH:

SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bachelor of Engineering (Fire Engineering) Course at the National Fire Service College (NFSC) in Nagpur has been non-functional for the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Rs. 200 crore plan to fund its infrastructure and teaching faculty has been lying unused when the college is at a standstill because of lack of infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The students are not admitted in the said Course from academic session 2004-05 as the Course has been discontinued due to lack of infrastructure and faculty as per the norms fixed by Nagpur University.

(c) and (d) A Scheme for upgradation of National Fire Service College, Nagpur at a cost of Rs.103.95 crore was approved in March 2005 for execution of civil works/construction of buildings, procurement of training aids/equipments and purchase of laboratory items. The Scheme was entrusted to Central Public Works Department for implementation. However, before the CPWD, the executing authority could start the work, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) opined that the Scheme should be held in abeyance and facilities available made at par with the best available internationally. Out of the Rs.103.95 crore Rs.68.28 lakh was incurred towards pre-construction activities and Rs.53.44 lakh towards the acquisition of land admeasuring 14.61 acres.

In this background a revised scheme at a cost of Rs.205 crore has been prepared which is yet to be approved by the competent authority. Bachelor of Engineering (Fire) course will commence only after creation of required Infrastructure.

Reimbursement of SRE

3577. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has implemented any scheme for reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State which are badly affected by naxalism and insurgency;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have been covered under the said scheme;

(c) the details of the funds reimbursed to various States during 2008-09 and 2009-10, till date, State-wise;