

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) There are indication of involvement of local traders in hoarding and black-marketing taking advantage of the shortage in availability of some essential commodities.

(c) No report about extortion has been received during the current phase of economic blockade.

(d) Additional 12 Coys of Central Paramilitary Forces were made available to the State Governments and additional 2 Coys of CRPF have been made available for escorting to and fro movement of trucks/tankers along NH-39 from Dimapur to Imphal. An inter-Ministerial team also visited Assam and Manipur on July 30 and August 1, 2010 to ensure that adequate arrangements for smooth flow of food grains and petroleum products are put in place. Transportation of food grains to Jiribam by Railways has also commenced. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has been directed to take all measures to keep both NH-39 and NH-53 open for traffic. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has made an additional provision of Rs. 10 crore for the repairs of NH-53.

At present, goods laden trucks are reaching Imphal on a daily basis. In view of the improving stock position of petroleum products, State Government has revoked its earlier order of rationing of petroleum products and has permitted open sale of petrol and diesel through retail outlets/petrol pumps with effect from August 11, 2010.

All measure are being taken to ensure that essential commodities are available in adequate quantities in all parts of Manipur. The Ministries concerned are monitoring the situation on a daily basis and taking necessary steps to maintain adequate stocks of food grains, petroleum products and other essential commodities in Manipur.

Chinese workers in country

3108. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Chinese citizens working in India during last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): As per the information available, the number of Chinese working in India for the last three years as on June, 2010 is as under:

2008	2009	2010
990	5110	7065

The State-wise figures are not being maintained centrally.

Information gathered in the ongoing census

†3109. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.