

During 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 51.18 crore was released to Rajasthan under the MPF Scheme against the approved action plan. This amount included Rs. 8.28 crore released to the State for Policing in large and scattered desert areas. For the current financial year, 2010-11, an amount of Rs. 50.65 crore has been allocated to Rajasthan, against which an amount of Rs. 41.23 crore has been released against approved plan. The approved action plan for 2010-11 includes Rs. 11.04 crore for desert policing in Rajasthan.

(b) There is no provision in the MPF Scheme to provide specific financial assistance to police stations situated on Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan. Under the MPF Scheme financial assistance to States is dependent on availability of funds in the budget.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

Statement made by CM of Jammu and Kashmir

†3154. SHRIRAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir recently in which he had expressed doubt about the merger of Jammu and Kashmir with India;

(b) if so, the actual meaning of the statement of the Chief Minister in reality; and

(c) Government's reaction on this statement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has subsequently clarified that he was referring to the fact that the then Ruler had signed the instrument of accession but had not signed any agreement for merger.

(c) Jammu and Kashmir forms an integral part of the Territory of India as declared by Article 1 of the Constitution.

Fencing and flood lighting along Indo-Bangladesh border

3155. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether erection of fencing and flood lighting along Indo-Pak and Indo- Bangladesh border has been completed;

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