Steps to respond to non-traditional security threats

188. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while addressing at the Golden Jubilee Seminar in the National Defence College recently has suggested to modernize its defence doctrine to respond to new and non-traditional security threats;

(b) if so, whether Government has since taken any steps to check such non-traditional security threats, particularly cyber warfare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. This Ministry is conscious of the threats from non-traditional sources such as non-State actors and terrorists. Defence doctrines are constantly reviewed to meet such threats and suitable modifications undertaken. Requisite measures to ensure foolproof security of Army's networks and computers constituting non-traditional threats have also been taken including Crisis Management Plans, regular security audits to ensure compliance of Information Security Policy, increased user awareness through workshops and better information security training and segregating internet and official networks.

Problems faced by residents of border areas along China

189. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of border areas along China in Ladakh complain about not being allowed to move around for grazing purpose;

(b) whether it is also a fact that security personnel are coming in the way of developmental projects in these areas like road construction or irrigation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to solve their problems?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) No restrictions are imposed by the Army on construction work or grazing; activities by the civilians in the border areas. However, in some sensitive areas, prior security clearance is required to be obtained from this Ministry for undertaking construction activities.