

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS/ **संचार मंत्री** (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA)

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MUSLIMS IN RAJASTHAN

*120. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN: SHRIB.V. ABDULLA KOYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/ **गृह मंत्री** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Amrit Nahta, M. P. has recently written to the Prime Minister about the difficulties of Muslims in Rajasthan:

(b) if so, what are the main contents of the letter; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL/

गृह मंत्रालय और कामिक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA):

(a) and (b) In a letter to the Prime Minister, Shri Amrit Nahta has stated that Muslims in the Border areas of Rajasthan have been subjected to persistent harassment and pinpricks from the bureaucracy, that dozens of their mosques have been demolished and that hundreds of them have been detained and implicated in false cases. He has also referred to a sense of helplessness and insecurity which has gripped the minds of Muslims in the border areas.

(c) The matter had been taken up with the Government of Rajasthan. They have reported, according to information available with them, only one mosque has been demolished because it had been constructed without the permission under the Rajasthan Religious Buildings and Places Act, 1954. The Border Commissioner has, however, been directed to inquire into the allegation regarding the demolition of a mosque. The State Government have further pointed out that the other allegations in the letter are not borne out by facts and no harassment has been caused to the Muslims.

NAXALITES IN PUNJAB AND TAMIL NADU

222. SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/ **गृह मंत्री** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of the Naxalites are on the increase in the State of Punjab and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS/ **गृह मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री** (SHRI F. H. MOJISIN) : (a) and (b) Though there has not been any significant increase in the number of violent incidents during the last 2/3 months in Punjab, no reply has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY IN WEST BENGAL

223. SHRI CHITTA BASU: SHRI MAHITOSH PURAKAYASTHA: SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ **औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री** be pleased to state the steps taken by the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation and the West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation during the current year in the direction of promoting industries in the State and the results achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/ **औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री** (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : The West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation is being reorganised. The Board of Directors is being reconstituted. In 1971, the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation granted a loan of Rs. 9.73 lakhs and participated in share capital for an amount of Rs. 10,000 in different industrial units. The Government of West Bengal has plans to increase the resources of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation to Rs. 2 crores and has also drawn up a scheme to allow the Corporation to float