

(b) whether it is a fact that Nagaland is again in the grip of violence with recent several major bomb blasts at Dimapur, Dhubra and Bongaigaon resulting in the death of several innocent persons;

(c) if so, what are details of casualties in those blasts; and

(d) whether Government have evolved any strategy to restore calm in North East and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir. During the current year, the overall violence in the North East is less than the corresponding period of the last year.

(b) The Situation in Nagaland is by and large normal except incident of bomb blasts in Dimapur on 02.10.04.

(c) In Dimapur bomb blast 24 persons were killed and several others injured. In the incidents which took place in Assam on 2nd & 5th October, 2004, 41 persons were killed and many others injured.

(d) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, develop, do social justice, have right kind of laws and modernize & strengthen the Police/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society.

Fencing within Zero Line at Indo-Bangladesh Border

1344. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to tackle infiltration of militant groups from Bangladesh Government have decided to erect fences within 150 yards of the Zero Line along Indo-Bangladesh borders;

(b) whether as per the ground rule agreed to by Border Security Force and Bangladeshi Rifles in 1975 no defensive structure can be erected within 150 yards of the Zero line; and

(c) whether Government expect stiff Bangladeshi resistance to this move for fencing the border within 150 yards of the Zero Line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to construct the

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fencing along Indo-Bangladesh border within 150 yards from the international border wherever unavoidable due to habitations and terrain factors, excluding enclaves & areas under adverse possession.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Terrorist Attacks in North East States

1345. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorist attacks in Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in 2003-04 and 2004-05 so far;

(b) the casualties of the public and also of the terrorists in insurgency and counter insurgency drives;

(c) how many jawans have laid down their lives in combating terrorism in these States;

(d) the reasons of increase in terrorism in Assam and Manipur recently; and

(e) the role of the Central Government in this context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A Statement is enclosed. (See below)

(d) During the current year (till 30th November, 2004), the number of violent incidents as compared to the year 2003 for the relevant period has decreased by 26% (from 1332 to 987). Similarly, the number of Security Force Personnel (SF) killed during this period has gone down by 7% (from 90 to 84) and civilians by 28% (from 494 to 357). Overall violence in the North East is less compared to the last year.

(e) Government's policy is to dialogue, develop, do social justice, have correct kind of laws and modernize & strengthen the Police/Security forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in the society.