

- (a) whether Government has instituted new rules to stop station Military Commanders from directly issuing 'No Objection Certificates' to private builders;
- (b) if so, when was the new policy made operational;
- (c) whether these loopholes were earlier pointed out periodically by various people;
- (d) what were the reasons for this belated preventive action by Government;
- (e) how many such 'No Objection Certificates' were issued by BASE Commanders in 2010-11, upto 31 December, 2010; and
- (f) whether any punishment has been given to anyone in 2010-11 for misuse of such discretionary powers, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (f) It has been decided to review the practice of issuing No Objection Certificates for construction of buildings on lands adjoining Defence lands.

Celebration of Vijay Diwas

202. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently celebrated Vijay Diwas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the objectives set on the occasion?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Raksha Mantri and the three Service Chiefs paid homage at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate on 16th December, 2010 on the occasion of Vijay Diwas. Every year, Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 16th December to pay homage to the martyrs and to commemorate the sacrifices made by the Indian Armed Forces in various operations.

New training facility for army

203. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to open a new training facility for the Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Army is facing problem in training its personnel since there was not enough land available with it; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Army had drawn an integrated plan to train its personnel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Security had accorded approval on 3rd December 2009 for the establishment of the 2nd Officers Training Academy at Gaya, Bihar. The training is scheduled to commence shortly.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is shortage in availability of field firing and manoeuvre ranges for training.

(d) Yes, Sir. There is an integrated plan of the Army, based on which integrated training is being conducted as per operational requirements.

Death of ITBP aspirants at Bareilly

204. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of death toll of the ITBP aspirants in Himgiri Express tragedy at Bareilly (U.P.);

(b) whether Government has been able to find out the reason for chaos which led to the death of ITBP aspirants;

(c) if so, whether any compensation has been announced for the victims either by railway or U.P. Government or by the Centre; and

(d) whether any magisterial enquiry has been ordered in the matter to fix responsibility on the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) As reported by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, 19 persons died in a train accident approximately 100 kilometers away from Bareilly, near Roza Railway station under Shahjahanpur