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organisation called the 'Deendar Anjuman' has been established; and in respect of others,- no organised group has so far been found to be involved.

(c) Some vested interests may be engaged in adverse publicity with the aim of tarnishing the country's secular image but the Govt, is committed to safeguarding the interests of the minorities and to deal firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them.

#### **Bajrang Dal Way of Protecting Hinduism**

354. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'The Times of India'. New Delhi edition dated the 26th June, 2000 under the caption "Protecting Hinduism, the Bajrang Dal way";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Bajrang Dal activists are being imparted firearms *trainmg* in Karsevakpuram in Ayodhya; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A camp was organised from 21st June to 27th June at Karsevakpuram (Ayodhya) where training was given to some youth with 6 AIR GUNS.

The State Government has given suitable instructions to the concern^ police authorities in this regard.

#### **Discussion on International Terrorism**

355. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V.RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had discussed the issue of threat of international terrorism during his recent visit to Israel, France and the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?