

**Tribal battalion for Naxal affected areas**

2897. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is thinking of raising Tribal battalion for Naxal affected areas in States; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to raise tribal battalion for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States. However, recruitment of constables (General Duty) in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) is being done through Staff Selection Commission, wherein 20% vacancies in Border Guarding Forces and 40% vacancies in forces other than Border Guarding Forces are allotted to militancy affected areas, including LWE affected areas.

**People living in slums in Mumbai**

2898. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has got any estimates of people living in slums in Mumbai vis-a-vis Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government intends to frame a Rehabilitation Policy for slum dwellers on Central Government lands in Mumbai as well as in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) As per data collected in 2001 census from cities and towns having a population of 20000 and above and reporting slums, the total slum population of Maharashtra was 11975943, out of which 6475440 slum dwellers resided in Greater Mumbai.

(b) to (d) In pursuance of the Government's vision of creating a Slum-free India, a new scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' (RAY) has been launched on 02.06.2011. The Phase I of Rajiv Awas Yojana is for a period of two years from the date of approval of the scheme. The Scheme will provide financial assistance to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers for provision of decent shelter and basic