

**NGOs receiving foreign funds to organise protest
against Kudankulam plant**

248. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several voluntary organisations (NGOs), organising protests against the Kudankulam atomic power plant, are detected to have received funds from foreign sources for orchestrating the protests;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating instances and nature of violation, if any, of the extant law;

(c) the details of NGOs receiving funds from foreign countries; and

(d) the details of those who are found to have received funds during the last five years to organise/orchestrate mass protests and agitations against the state at the behest of foreign donors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Preliminary reports have been received regarding alleged misuse of foreign funds for opposing the setting up of the Kudankulam plant.

(b) to (d) Since investigation has been ordered, it is not possible to furnish any details at this stage.

Strengthening fire safety and emergency services

249. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government is planning to take to strengthen the fire safety and emergency services in order to prevent or reduce loss of life and property due to fire related incidents, as increasing industrialisation and technological advancement is making the country far more vulnerable to fire incidents; and

(b) the State-wise details of the funds made available for the States under 13th Finance Commission for modernisation of fire services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Government of India is implementing the following two schemes to strengthen fire and emergency services in the country:-

(i) Centrally sponsored plan scheme namely strengthening of fire and emergency service in the country at a cost of Rs. 200 crores.

(ii) Upgradation of National Fire Services College, Nagpur at a cost of Rs. 205 crores.