

- (b) if so, the response of the State Governments in this regard;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to reconsider their decision of setting up of NCTC;
- (d) if so, whether the views of the State Governments would be considered; and
- (e) if so, the final reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Government have notified the setting up of the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) vide the OM dated 3rd February, 2012.

After the issue of the said Office Memorandum, the Chief Ministers of Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Tripura, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Karnataka had written to the Central Government, *inter-alia* raising concerns about the order encroaching on the domain of the states and expressing the need for consultations with the State Governments before NCTC is operationalized.

The Home Minister has replied to the Chief Ministers enclosing a three-page note on the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the genesis, objectives, structure and powers of the NCTC. To further clarify/address issues, the Union Home Secretary held a meeting with the State Chief Secretaries, Director Generals of Police and the Home Secretaries on 12-03-2012.

Busting of fake Indian currency notes racket by NIA

218. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigation Agency has claimed to have busted a major 'fake Indian currency notes' racket from Malda in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details of the fake currency seized and the number of persons arrested and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Twelve persons have been arrested from different parts of the country and they are under custody. Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) of face value of Rs. 32,100/- have been seized.

Human safaris in Andaman Islands

219. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naked Jarawa tribals in the Andaman Islands