

(c) to (e) Government continuously assesses the situation in Afghanistan and reviews its policy taking into account the anticipated impact of those developments that are likely to affect India. The nature and direction of India's future engagement has been spelt out in the Strategic Partnership Agreement between India and Afghanistan signed in October 2011. The agreement reinforced the strong, vibrant and multi-faceted relations between the two countries and established a framework for cooperation in various areas between the two countries: political and security cooperation; trade and economic cooperation; capacity development and education; and social, cultural, civil society and people-to-people relations.

China Aiding Insurgency in North Eastern States

*598. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: ,

(a) whether the Indian Government has given evidence to China on several occasions of its involvement in aiding insurgency movement in India's North East;

(b) if so, whether the Heads of insurgents from India's North-East are meeting Chinese intelligence officials regularly in Yunnan (China) and in Nepal;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government on such meetings; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check nexus of China with India's insurgents in North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (d) Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels. The Chinese Government has conveyed that it would never support armed groups that are against the Government of India. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has stated that the Chinese Government always adheres to the principle of non-interference in other countries' internal affairs and they do not support any anti-government forces in India. India and China have an annual Counter-Terrorism Dialogue under which the two sides discuss all such issues. The fifth round of this Dialogue was held on March 1, 2012 at New Delhi. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Data Collection of Visitors at Airports

599. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Ministry has asked the Civil Aviation Ministry to strengthen data collection of visitors at airports;