

The Government has also adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check trans-border crimes including smuggling activities. The steps taken in this regard *inter-alia* includes:

- Effective domination of the border by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders by patrolling nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the International Border. Riverine segments of International Border are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of BSF water wings.
- Construction of fencing, patrol roads, floodlighting and additional Border Out Posts.
- Induction of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments. Constant efforts are being made to procure the latest surveillance equipments for further enhancing the border domination.
- Up-gradation of intelligence network and co-ordination with sister agencies. Conduct of special operations along the border.

Organisation behind threat to North-East people

†2696. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that as a result of threats to the people of North-East recently they are leaving Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh, Chennai and Karnataka in a huge number;

(b) if so, the details of the above said incidence;

(c) whether Government has made any investigation into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of organisations which are found responsible for giving such threats; and

(f) the action taken against them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) As per reports, the flight/

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

exodus of North Eastern people from some cities of the country was triggered off because of a communally surcharged atmosphere created by circulation of short messaging services (SMSes)/Multi-media services (MMSes) and mails, clips and photographs on the social networking sites which were false, morphed and calculated to incite hatred and violence between the communities. The Central Government was alive to the situation and promptly took steps to counter it. Orders were issued for blocking the bulk SMSes and MMSes for a period of 15 days. Besides, directions to the relevant social networks were issued to block those sites which were carrying hate messages or messages calculated to incite communal violence. As of now most of these sites have been blocked. This as well as the exposure of the fact that many photographs and clips were false/morphed; and were uploaded abroad has discredited this attempt. As a result, the communally surcharged atmosphere has eased.

The concerned State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and other States/Union Territories were requested to reach out to the people from the North East living in their States and reassure them of security by way of deploying security forces and establishing pickets in the areas where North Eastern people are living and also setting up help lines so that in case of any incident, any person/student from the North East could ring up the help lines and be assured of response. State Governments had taken action promptly in this regard to stop the exodus of North Eastern people. At present, the situation is under control and being monitored closely.

(c) to (f) During investigations some individuals have been found responsible for giving such threats, while no specific organization is found involved in this regard. The Government of Karnataka have registered 17 cases against the rumor mongers and persons involved in threatening the people of North East India. A number of 24 persons have been arrested by the State Police. Pune police also arrested 13 persons and registered cases against them.

**Pending cases of freedom fighters' pension from
Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh**

2697. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: