

the Citizenship Act, 1955 and rules made thereunder. The grant of Indian citizenship is a multi-level and multi-agency activity involving detailed scrutiny at various levels such as Collector/ DM/DC, State Government/Union Territory Administration and Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the eligibility of the applicant to become a citizen of India. Therefore, due diligence is exercised at all levels before grant of Indian citizenship to a foreign national and it is ensured that an illegal immigrant is not granted Indian citizenship.

#### **Persons injured and died in anti-rape agitation in Delhi**

†1773. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of police lathi charge on demonstrators at India Gate against the incident of gang rape in December, 2012;
- (b) the number of people injured and died in the above lathi charge;
- (c) the number of people arrested by Government; and
- (d) whether Government is contemplating upon providing any kind of compensation to the injured persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Delhi Police had to resort to use of water cannon, tear gas shells and mild cane charge to disperse the unruly and violent crowd, which was determined to march towards North Block, South Block and President House after breaking police barricades repeatedly. The mob damaged government vehicles, indulged in arson, stone pelting and assaulted policemen on duty. Many protestors and police personnel got injured in this action. One police personnel died and 62 police personnel were injured. In addition to this, 140 public persons were also injured. Total 8 accused persons have been arrested.

#### **Verma panel recommendations**

1774. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Verma panel recommended sweeping changes in laws, tougher penalties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.