

(d) whether Government would accord priority to Gujarat in view of its sensitive and vulnerable long coastline in vicinity of Pakistan; and

(e) whether Government will accord sanction for Camel patrolling system, watch towers etc. under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (d) Coastal Security Scheme is implemented in two phases. After getting detailed proposal from the State of Gujarat, 10 Coastal Police Stations, 30 Interceptor Boats, 25 Check Posts, 46 Outposts, 20 four wheelers and 101 motor cycles with a cost of Rs. 6365 lakhs were provided under Phase-I of Coastal Security Scheme, which was implemented from 2005-06 to 31.03.2011.

After getting proposal from State Government of Gujarat, 12 Coastal Police Stations, 31 Patrol Boats, 5 Jetties, 12 Four wheelers and 24 Motor cycles with a cost of Rs. 13504 lakhs have been approved under Phase-II of Coastal Security Scheme. The coastal security scheme Phase-II is under implementation over a period of 5 years starting from 01.04.2011.

(e) There is no proposal of Camel Patrolling, Watch towers etc. under the coastal security scheme.

#### **Floods in Assam**

2571. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flood problem of Assam has not been declared a National Problem;

(b) the total amount of losses in figures caused by floods especially in the districts of Dhemaji and Lakhimpur in the last three years; and

(c) the details of criteria for declaring the flood problem of Assam a National Problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) The Government has been providing all possible assistance to the State Government of Assam to deal with the

flood problem in the State, though the flood problem has not been declared as national problem. As per reports, the total damages due to flood in Assam including Dhemaji and Lakhimpur districts amounted to Rs. 61 crore during the years 2009-2011. Government has taken a number of steps to deal with the problem of flood in Assam. During 11th five year plan central assistance of Rs. 744.90 crore was provided to the State Government under the State Sector Scheme "Flood Management Programme" under which 100 nos. of flood management/anti-erosion projects were approved. During the 12th five year plan Rs. 2.51 crore has been released during the current year for flood control.

**Naxalites/maoists activities in north-east states**

2572. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the anti-national activities of Naxalites/Maoists in some of the Districts of North East (NE) States are open threat to our internal security;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the State-wise number of districts identified to be worst affected; and

(c) what steps are being taken to tackle the dangerous situation and its outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Assam-Arunachal border has emerged as another theatre of Maoist activities. The CPI(Maoist) are trying to establish organizational bases in the North East with a view to forge relations with other insurgent groups to meet its military requirements. While Maoist violence have been reported in 2012 in Dhemaji and Tinsukia districts of Assam, Maoist influence have been noticed in Dibrugarh, Sonitpur and Chirang districts. The movement of the Maoists have also been reported in Lohit and lower Dibang valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The Upper Assam Leading Committee (UALC) of the CPI(Maoist) is operating in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and have been involved in incidents of looting of weapons and extortion from local villagers. The UALC is also engaged in recruitment and training of cadres for the outfit in Assam. The forays of CPI(Maoist) into the sensitive North-Eastern States are fraught with serious strategic implications, since it has potential trans-border possibilities.