Security personnel killed in J&K

*131. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many security personnel or Army personnel were killed in the last ten years just before the visit of the former Prime Ministers and the present Prime Minister to the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) why Government could not anticipate the gruesome attack by militants on the outskirts of Srinagar city recently which claimed lives of eight army personnel and grievously injuring three others and if so, the details of the intelligence failure?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) The Prime Minister visited the State of Jammu and Kashmir 16 times in the last 10 years. There is no data maintained specifically in the Ministry to correlate the killings of Security personnel or Army personnel with the visit of Prime Minister to Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Based on various inputs and threat perception, Government takes all necessary steps to prevent all cases of violence, including terrorist violence. However, it is not always possible to predict with certainty, the details of such incidents.

Progress made by NIA

*132. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigation Agency has made progress on the various investigation cases during the last five years including the latest Bodh Gaya blasts in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) As per information made available by National Investigation Agency (NIA), the agency has so far been entrusted with the investigation of 71 cases. After completion of investigation, charge sheets have been filed in 35 cases before various NIA Special Courts. Out of them, 2 cases have resulted in conviction and other 33 cases are pending for trial. Remaining 36 cases are under investigation. The detail of the progress of the cases is given in Statement.