

Fake Indian currency notes printed in neighbouring country

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

- (a) whether high quality fake Indian currency notes are being printed in a neighbouring country and sought to be smuggled to India;
- (b) if so, the details of the sophisticated currency printing press;
- (c) whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned nation; and
- (d) if so, its response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the available inputs from Intelligence and Investigating Agencies all High Quality Fake Indian Currency Notes is printed in sophisticated presses located in Pakistan and all High Quality Fake Indian Currency Notes, seized in India and abroad, originates only from Pakistan.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The matter has been taken up by the Government of India at various platforms such as Foreign Secretary level talks and Home Secretary level talks.

Schemes for modernisation of police forces

695. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had recently announced schemes for modernization of police forces in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the funds earmarked for this purpose;
- (c) whether Government has included modernization of arms, including sophisticated arms, ammunition, etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) which ended in 2011-12 has been extended for a further five year period i.e. 2012-13 to 2016-17 for providing Central assistance to States for police modernization, partly under Non-Plan and partly under