

**Ceasefire by Militant Adivasi outfits in Assam**

\*361. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Adivasi outfits active in Assam who have announced ceasefire and the timings thereof;

(b) whether five militant Adivasi formations-Adivasi Cobra Militants of Assam (ACMA), Birsas Commando Force (BCF), Santhal Tiger Force (STF), Adivasi People's Army (APA) and All Adivasi National Liberation Army (AANLA)-under an umbrella organisation Adivasi Ceasefire Coordination Organisation (ACCO) have demanded for peace talks with Government to fight for political rights of Adivasis of the State; and

(c) the present status of dialogue and the steps taken by the Central and the State Government to work out solutions on their demands to restore peace in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) On 24.1.2012, five Adivasi outfits, namely, Adivasi Cobra Militants of Assam (ACMA), Birsas Commando Force (BCF), Santhal Tiger Force (STF), Adivasi Peoples Army (APA) and All Adivasi National Liberation Army (AANLA) had surrendered before the State Government at Guwahati with a view to seek solution to their grievances. These outfits had constituted a Committee known as Adivasi Ceasefire Coordination Organisation (ACCO) to pursue their demands. Tripartite talks involving the representatives of the Central Government, Government of Assam and the five Adivasi outfits on their demands are continuing. It would not be appropriate to disclose the details of the talks in public interest.

**Shortage of hostels for SC students in Gujarat**

\*362. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of hostels for students belonging to Scheduled Caste in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to increase hostel facilities for such students in the State?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat has informed that there is no shortage of hostels for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes in Gujarat. However, in view of future demand, the State Government has decided to establish new hostels.