

Contract for High Security Registration Plates

2691. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH :
SHRI SALIMANSARI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has investigated cases of businessmen linked with underworld to bag contracts for new scheme of High Security Registration vehicle number plates;
- (b) if so, the details of investigations so far;
- (c) whether Government has also obtained the comments of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the matter and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has cautioned the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on the issue of High Security Registration Plates from persons/companies having links with underworld; and
- (e) if so, the feedback received from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) to (c) A complaint alleging criminal links of a businessman to bag contract for supply of High Security Registration Plates from State Governments was received in this Ministry. The complaint was examined in consultation with Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Intelligence Agency and comments were, *inter-alia*, sent to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for necessary action.

(d) to (e) Based on the advisory of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has amended the Motor Vehicles (New High Security Registration Plates) order, 2001 on 12.06.2006 laying down the conditions for consideration of persons for selection as manufacturer or vendor for supply of High Security Registration Plates.

Chinese incursions in Uttarakhand

2692. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many times Chinese incursions have taken place in Uttarakhand and Government's action regarding this;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the arduous trek that Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has to undertake to reach Milam glacier area; and

(c) the length of the foot-trek from Munshiyari to Milam and the foot-trek required to be covered, in Barahoti region and the plan to build a pucca road on this segment and the progress so far with a probable deadline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No Chinese incursion has taken place in Uttarakhand. However, transgressions in Uttarakhand border area during the period 2012 to 2014 are as under:

Area	2012	2013	2014
Barahoti	05	04	—

Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), the Border Guarding Force on the Indo-China Border, has taken following preventive measures:-

- (i) Adequate troops are positioned at Border Out Posts (BOPs) and border areas are patrolled regularly.
- (ii) Observation posts are manned round the clock for surveillance of nearby areas.
- (iii) Surveillance equipments are being effectively used for better surveillance.
- (iv) Aerial Recce.
- (v) Winter Air Surveillance Operation Sorties (WASO) are carried out regularly.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. ITBP post is located in Milam village approximately 5 kms. from Milam glacier. To mitigate the difficulties, Government of India has sanctioned Munshiyari-Milam road measuring 62.32 kms, which is under construction by Border Roads Organization (BRO). As on December, 31, 2013, formation cutting of 23.90 kms has been completed.

In the Barahoti region, Government of India has sanctioned construction of 14 Kms long Sumna-Rimkhim road (Rimkhim is close to Barahoti), which is under construction by Border Roads Organization (BRO). As on December, 2013, formation cutting of 3.08 kms. has been completed.

The probable date of completion of these roads is December, 2016.

Demand to increase freedom fighters' pension

2693. SHRIMATI KUSUMRAI :

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH :

SHRI PRABHAT JHA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether existing basic pension being given by Central Government to freedom