

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. India has Joint Working Groups on Counter Terrorism with 24 countries including USA and UK. The meeting of these Joint Working Groups are being held from time to time to discuss counter terrorism issues including radicalization and to share intelligence, experience, expertise and good practices in the matter.

(c) and (d) There is no input regarding pro-ISIS rally taken out in Srinagar recently. However, some youth were seen unfurling the flags of ISIS on different occasions in Srinagar around 4-5 months back and their interrogation revealed that they were influenced by the ISIS related literature on social media.

#### **Grant of full statehood to NCT of Delhi**

2293. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to grant full statehood to the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the issues and reasons identified by Government for not granting the full statehood to the NCT of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) There is no proposal with the Government for granting full statehood to the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

#### **Visa On Arrival for Pakistani senior citizens**

2294. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started Visa On Arrival (VOA) for Pakistani senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such facility is extended at present to Indian citizens in Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for one sided implementation of the agreement by India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has provided facility of manual Visa On Arrival for single entry, 45 days stay and maximum visit of up to 5 places to Pakistani national who is more than 65 years old and is crossing Attari immigration point on foot subject to certain conditions.

(c) to (e) The new Visa Agreement between India and Pakistan signed on 8th September, 2012 provides for Visa On Arrival on both sides for the people of more than 65 years of age who will be granted Single Entry Visa On Arrival at the Attari/Wagha check post for 45 days.

#### **Renaming of police modernisation scheme**

2295. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1305 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 2012 and to state:

(a) whether the Central Police Modernisation Scheme has been extended;

(b) if so, the updated status of action taken by Government for renaming it as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Police Modernisation Scheme; and

(c) by when the renaming would be done which would be homage to the great nation builder Sardar Patel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), in its meeting held on 07.02.2013 had approved the proposal for continuation of the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) for five years from 2012-13 to 2016-17.

(b) and (c) While giving reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1305 on 05-12-2012, it was stated that the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) had ended on 31st March, 2012 and the proposal for renaming the Scheme would be examined once the extension of the Scheme from 2012-13 onwards was approved by the competent authority. The matter has been subsequently examined and while fulfilling the assurance, it has been indicated in March, 2013 that since the MPF Scheme is under implementation since 1969-70 and is not a purely (100%) Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the State Governments also contribute their share of funds under the Scheme, it may, therefore, not be appropriate to rename the Scheme.