

(b) The State Government of Assam was advised immediately to adopt adequate security measures for providing security in the vulnerable areas and also strengthening the overall security in the State to contain the activities of the ULFAI and other militant groups.

Yuva Prahari Scheme of Delhi Police

2601. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police had announced to launch a 'Yuva Prahari' scheme in January, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in its implementation;

(c) the total number of youth volunteered for the scheme so far and the monthly remuneration to be paid to them; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the scheme as well as for imparting necessary training to the selected volunteers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (d) Delhi Police has reportedly started a pilot of 'Yuva Prahari' scheme in January, 2015 under which services of non-student youth are utilized for community patrolling around their respective residential areas. Under this pilot, based on the criteria put forward by Delhi Police, 126 boys and girls in the age group of 18-35 years were selected by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and they were given requisite training by Delhi Police after conducting a detailed background check. After training, the volunteers have been deployed in 106 PCR vehicles around their residential areas and they reportedly function in one shift either from 8 AM to 2 PM or from 2 PM to 8 PM. Delhi Police pays an honorarium at the rate of ₹ 2000/- per volunteer for 148 hours of service in a month. The scheme is at pilot stage.

High quality satellite phones to Uttarakhand to deal with natural calamity

2602. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttarakhand has requested the Union Government to approve and supply the State Government at least 100 high quality satellite phones in place of satellite phones already provided, to deal with natural calamities effectively, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has provided the desired number of high quality satellite phones, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Based on the requests received from the Government of Uttarakhand, Ministry of Communication and IT have been requested to give necessary clearance for procurement and usage of 22 satellite phones by the Government of Uttarakhand for purpose of disaster management.

Setting up specialised NDMA force in Himalayan States

2603. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) study, the entire Himalayan region from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh falls under very High Seismic Zone and is also vulnerable to various forms of natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the risk assessment made along with the institutional framework and community preparedness chalked out for disaster risk mitigation in Uttarakhand and other areas; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to set up a specialised NDMA force to deal with such situation in the Himalayan States and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The Government is aware about seismic hazard of the whole country. Earthquake/seismic prone zones have been identified and mapped under the auspices of Bureau of Indian Standard [IS 1983 (Part I):2002]. The country is grouped into four seismic zones viz. Zone-II, III, IV and V. Of these, Zone V is seismically the most earthquake prone region, while Zone II is the least.

The entire area of Himalayan region from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh lies either in seismic Zone IV and V. This region is prone to earthquake and related natural calamities. The hilly regions are mainly vulnerable to the heavy rainfall leading to flash floods/floods and landslides.

Till date, there is no proven scientific technique available, anywhere in the world, to forecast/predict the occurrence of earthquakes with reasonable degree of accuracy with regard to space, time and magnitude and also there is no scientific technique yet available to prevent the occurrence of earthquake.