

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) There is no input indicating that any station of Delhi Metro is unsafe for women. However, the following steps have been taken by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for the safety of women commuters in the Delhi metro:

- (i) At present 831 women CISF personnel are deployed to help women commuters.
- (ii) Frisking of women passengers is done by women CISF personnel.
- (iii) CISF has deployed male and female staff at various Metro Stations for deboarding male passengers found to be travelling in coaches reserved for ladies.
- (iv) CISF has deployed female staff trained in unarmed close quarter combat, for assisting female Metro commuters.

Visa-on-Arrival project

2611. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the status of Visa-on-Arrival project;
- (b) which are the countries whose citizens coming to India are provided with this required facility; and
- (c) what is the action plan to ensure that unwanted and anti-national elements do not enjoy this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY):(a) to (c) The Government of India has launched e-Tourist Visa (old name-Tourist Visa on arrival enabled by electronic travel authorisation) facility on 27.11.2014 with a view to facilitate foreign tourists visiting India. The scheme has been extended to following 77 countries till date:

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Cayman Island, Chile, Cook Island, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominica Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Myanmar, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue Island, Norway, Oman, Palau, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Macedonia, Russia, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand,

Tonga, Tuvalu, UAE, Ukraine, USA, Vanuatu, Vatican City-Holy See, Vietnam, China, Macau, Hongkong.

Before granting e-Tourist Visas the applications are checked adequately from security point of view. Further on the arrival, biometric data of such tourists is also being captured.

Protection to family of an IPS officer of U.P.

2612. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any application from family of an IPS officer serving in Uttar Pradesh for providing security; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for the protection of the said family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since 'Police' and Public Order' are State subjects under the VII Schedule, List-II of the Constitution of India, the responsibility for providing security to an individual who is ordinarily resident in or happens to be under the jurisdiction of a State Government, lies primarily with the State Governments concerned. In so far as provision of security by the Central Government is concerned, all such representations are examined with reference to the assessment of threat carried out by the Central Security Agencies. It may not be in the public interest to divulge any details due to security implications.

Extra CAPF to Chhattisgarh

2613. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has decided to provide extra Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) to Chhattisgarh to contain the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) terror activities;

(b) if so, will this not force the LWE to move towards the Odisha border; and

(c) if so, whether the Minister would consider deploying extra CAPF, at least two battalion to guard the long coast line area and keep vigil over the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border in order to counter the LWE attempting to cross the State border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to deploy 5 additional battalions of CAPF in Chhattisgarh to contain LWE activities. Presently, 259 coys of CAPF in Chhattisgarh and 102 coys of CAPF in