

(b) and (c) Asiatic Society, Kolkata has informed that the Internal Complaints Committee submitted its report in the case on 30.09.2015 which was placed before the Council of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata in its meeting held on 12.11.2015.

Return of awards by eminent writers

358. SHRI D. RAJA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent development in literature and cultural field where several eminent writers have returned their awards or quit the Sahitya Akademi following the Dadri beef-related killing of a human being and protesting against various incidents of rising intolerance in society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The reason cited by various authors and artists is that it was in protest against the recent mishappenings against writers, intellectuals, etc. and Akademi's silence on these issues.

(b) The details of the writers who have returned the award to Sahitya Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi are given in Statement [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No.350 [Part (b)]]. Sahitya Akademi had convened a special meeting of its Executive Board on 23rd October, 2015 in which a Resolution was passed condemning the attack on and murder of any writer or artist and requesting the writers who had returned the awards, to reconsider their decision.

Return of Sahitya Akademi awards

†359. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that dozens of Sahitya Akademi award winners have returned their awards during the last few days;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has taken any details from the Sahitya Akademi in this regard and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Sahitya Akademi had convened a special meeting of its Executive Board on 23rd October 2015 in which a Resolution was passed, condemning the attack and murder of any writer or artist and requesting the writers, who had returned the awards, to reconsider their decision. The details of writers who have returned the awards are given in Statement.

Statement

*The following award winner returned the Awards to the
Akademi through official communication*

SAHITYA AKADEMI NEW DELHI

Sl.No.	Name	Year of Award
Hindi		
1.	Uday Prakash	2010
2.	Ashok Vajpeyi	1994
3.	Krishna Sobti	1980
4.	Mangalesh Dabral	2000
5.	Kashinath Singh	2011
6.	Rajesh Joshi	2002
English		
7.	G.N. Devy	1993
8.	Nayantara Sahgal	1986
9.	Keki Daruwalla	1984
Gujarati		
10.	Anil Joshi	1990
Punjabi		
11.	Waryam Singh Sandhu	2000
12.	Surjit Patar	1993
13.	Jaswinder	2014
14.	Gurbachan Bhullar	2005
15.	Atamjit	2009
16.	Baldev Singh	2011
17.	Darshan Butter	2012
18.	Ajmer Singh Aulakh	2006

Sl.No.	Name	Year of Award
19.	Mohan Bhandari	1998
Rajasthani		
20.	Nand Bhardwaj	2004
21.	Ambikadutt	2013
Kannada		
22.	Kum Veerbhadrappa	2007
23.	Rahamat Tarikere	2010
24.	Devanuru Mahadeva	1990
Kashmiri		
25.	Ghulam Nabi Khayal	1976
26.	Margoob Banihali	1979
Urdu		
27.	Munawwar Rana	2014
28.	Khaleel Mamoon	2011
Malayala		
29.	Sara Joseph	2003
Assamese		
30.	Homen Borgohain	1978
31.	Nirupama Borgohain	1996
Telugu		
32.	Katyayani Vidmahe	2013
Translation Prize		
Hindi		
33.	Chaman Lal	2001
Kannada		
34.	G.N. Ranqanatha Rao	2014
Marathi		
35.	Ibrahim Afghan	2002
Yuva Puraskar		
English		
36.	Aman Sethi	2012

Sl.No.	Name	Year of Award
Punjabi		
37.	Pargat Singh Satauj	2012
Bal Sahitya Puraskar		
Telugu		
38.	M. Bhoopal Reddy	2011
Golden Jubilee Award		
39.	Mandakranta Sen	2004

Incidents of terrorist infiltration

360. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of terrorist infiltration has come down in recent times; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The incidents of infiltration across the border has come down in recent years. To counter the problem of cross-border infiltration and to enhance security in the border areas, the Government of India, in coordination with the State Governments concerned, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management through multi-tiered deployment along international borders/Line of Control and infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved use of technology, better intelligence and operational coordination, synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and proactive action against terrorists within the country.

Increase in cases of rape in the country

361. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of rape have increased recently in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the last one year; and
- (c) the steps taken to curb the increasing incidents of rape in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) As per information