

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the concrete steps taken by Government to contain this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) In order to create terror among the civilians in the LWE affected areas, the LWE cadres, in their 'Kangaroo Courts' also called 'Jan Adalat', or 'Praja Courts' execute sentence against the civilians, who do not subscribe to their ideology in certain areas. As per the available information, during 2015, 41 such 'Jan Adalats' have been held by the LWE cadres in 05 LWE affected States, namely, Andhra Pradesh (01), Bihar (06), Chhattisgarh (14), Jharkhand (14) and Odisha (06) against 63 Jan Adalats reported in 2013 and 54 in 2014. During the current year (upto 15.02.2016) 2 Jan Adalats have been reported in Chhattisgarh.

The 'Police' & 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments both on security and development fronts.

Due to the coordinated and concerted efforts of the Central as well as State Governments, the number of such Jan Adalats reduced to 41 in the year 2015 as compared to 54 in 2014 and 63 in 2013. However, persons killed due to Jan Adalat directives have been reported to 18 in 2015 as compared to 15 in 2014 and 20 in 2013.

Steps taken by Government to stop infiltration

*73. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by Government to stop infiltration; and
- (b) what is the number of infiltrations that have taken place during last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check trans-border crimes including infiltration along the Borders of the country. The steps taken in this regard *inter-alia* include:

- Deployment of adequate Border Guarding Forces along the various borders of the country.

- Construction of fence, border roads, floodlights and Border Out Posts(BOPs) along the Borders.
- Effective domination of the borders by the Border Guarding Forces (BGFs) through carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders by patrolling nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the international borders of the country.
- Usage of technological surveillance equipments along with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.
- More effective patrolling of riverine segments of International Borders of the country.
- Liaison with Police, intelligence agencies and local Government agencies is carried out on regular basis for sharing of intelligence and for conduct of joint operations to prevent any illegal/ anti-national activities.

(b) The total number of infiltrators apprehended and killed along the various borders of the country during the last six months (August 2015 to January 2016) are 2032 and 53 respectively.

Upgradation of existing pilgrimage and tourist places

*74. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in consultation with State Governments proposes to upgrade existing pilgrimage and important tourist places in the country to international standard; and

(b) if so, the State-wise number of pilgrimage and tourist places identified for overall upgradation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has launched following new plan schemes pursuant to the Budget 2014-15 announcements:

- (i) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage centres of all faiths. Under PRASAD, thirteen sites have been identified namely Ajmer, Amritsar, Amaravati, Dwarka, Gaya, Kamakhya, Kanchipuram, Kedarnath, Mathura, Patna, Puri, Varanasi and Velankanni.