

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) Under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP), funds are provided to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for 47 border blocks of 11 Districts of the State.

(b) There is no proposal at present with the Government of India to increase the BADP allocation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The funds under the BADP are allocated to the States as per the formula envisaged in the guidelines of BADP. Out of allocated funds State Government has constructed 37 shelter for giving relief to the residents at various locations in Jammu District.

Sim cards to foreign travellers arriving on E-visa

854. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to provide SIM cards to the foreign travelers to India arriving on E-visa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this will attract more number of foreign travellers/visitors to the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (d) There is a proposal under consideration of Ministry of Tourism for presenting a pre-loaded SIM card to foreign tourists arriving India on Electronic Tourist Visa (e-TV) as a tourist friendly gesture and to facilitate tourists with connectivity immediately on arrival in India.

Arson in schools of J&K

†855. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in Jammu and Kashmir where arson has been committed which is said to have affected children's studies;

(b) the district-wise details of the torching of schools; and

(c) the details of the action taken against the people involved in the incidents of torching of schools till date and the number of such people?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.