

**Lapses involved in Sukma attack**

4235. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tragedy at Sukma on 13th March, 2018 took place because of ignoring Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) message sent before the said naxal strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ordered any inquiry into the lapses which led to the said incident causing the loss of life of 9 CRPF personnel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) Decisions in operations are taken based on a complex matrix of factors. Standard Operating Procedures are guidelines giving a framework for conduct of operations. Decisions are taken by the commanders on ground depending on several factors.

(c) and (d) CRPF has ordered an inquiry into the incident which is under progress.

**Staff strength of the Ministry**

4236. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi, how many of these positions have been filled in as on January 31, 2018;

(b) the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies and what action the Ministry is taking to overcome these problems; and

(c) what is the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi, and the efforts, if any, being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) Sanctioned staff strength of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Proper) including Department of Official Language is 1570. 1327 positions are filled up as on 31.01.2018. Filling up the vacancies is a continuous process. The recruitment process to fill up these vacancies including posts filled up through deputation is carried out by Department of Personnel and Training.

(c) Such data is not maintained.