

Provision for communities living along banks of Brahmaputra

4198. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are special provisions for communities living alongside the banks of the Brahmaputra river who have lost documents to annual flooding, if so, details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are special provisions for communities from remotest regions of Assam where officials compiling the 1951 National Register of Citizens (NRC) were not able to reach, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) to (d) The exercise of NRC updation is being carried out as per the Citizenship (Registration of citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003. This work is being carried out in a fair and objective manner. The Hon'ble Supreme Court is monitoring this exercise.

All available Electoral Rolls upto 1971 and 1951 NRC were digitized and made available in public domain, both online and offline, for the benefit of the public. As such, even in case of loss of documents by the public due to natural calamities etc., substantial data were available in public domain to enable them to submit their NRC application forms. No complaint has been received from any quarter to the effect that genuine Indian Citizens have not been able to apply for NRC due to loss of document in flood or any other natural calamities or non-availability of record.

Incidents of jail breaks in the country

4199. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of jail breaks in different jails in various parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the security scenario in the jails of the country; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) The National Crime Records Bureau has