

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) to (c) No press release, as such, was issued by Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 29th September, 2018 in this regard.

Cheating and touting against foreigners in NDMC area

2311. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of cheating and touting against foreigners by taxi/cab drivers have increased near five-star hotels in NDMC area of Delhi;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of such incidents reported and action taken against touts for the period 2014-18;

(c) whether Government has issued any order/policy for authorities responsible for law and order regarding restraint on bad behaviour by taxi/auto drivers in such area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) As reported by Delhi Police, no case of cheating and touting against foreigners by taxi/cab drivers near five-star hotels in NDMC area of Delhi has been reported during the years 2014 to 2018 (upto 30.11.2018).

(c) and (d) Various measures taken by Delhi Police to ensure safety, security and prevention of harassment of tourists from touts, *inter alia* include, deployment of 15 Tourist Police Vans at prominent tourist places, setting up of Help Desk at the Airport/five-star hotels by the authorities concerned to help the passengers, display of posters at the tourist places to make the tourists aware about the various initiatives taken by Police for safety of passengers and prevention of touting, deployment of staff (both civil and uniform) at arrival and departure terminals of Airport and at all the tourist places in the vicinity of five-star hotels, secret watch to prevent touting and taking legal action as per the existing law against touts.

Relief package for Gaja cyclone

2312. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that coastal Tamil Nadu was severely affected by Gaja cyclone;