

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI) : (a) to (d) A development grant @ ₹ 50 crore per district per year is released for the development of seven identified backward districts of Andhra Pradesh. So far, an amount of ₹ 1050 crore has been released for the development of these seven districts for the period 2014-15 to 2016-17. As informed by the Ministry of Finance, release of the next installment is under consideration.

Modern equipments to SDRF

3550. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to augment the efforts of State Governments in providing modern equipments to State Disaster Response Force (SDRF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI) : (a) to (c) Raising of State Disaster Response Force in a State and equipping them with modern equipments is the primary responsibility of the State concerned. However, there is a provision in the items and norms of State Disaster Response Funds that the State Government can incur the expenditure not exceeding 10% of total annual allocation in SDRF to procure essential search, rescue, evacuation equipments including communication equipments etc.

Detention Centres in the country

3551. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated new manual for 'Detention Centres' across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has included various aspects in the new manual with special focus on women detenus;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?