Modernisation of Delhi Police

801. SHRI B.J. PANDA :

    SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed measures to modernize Delhi Police;

(b) whether it is proposed to increase the police districts in Delhi; if so, the details with areas that would be served by the new districts; and

(c) whether the proposal will also involve additional manpower; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to(c) The Modernization of Delhi Police is a continuing process. The 10th Five Year Plan of Delhi Police includes two schemes, namely, "Induction of Latest Technology in Delhi Police" and "Upgradation of Training in Delhi Police" for its modernisation. However, there is no formal proposal for creation of new Police Districts in Delhi under consideration of the Government at present.

Custodial Deaths

† 802. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

    SHRIKAPILSIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME

AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per reports of National Human Rights Commission, 666 deaths have taken place in police custody during the last six months in various States of the Country;

(b) if not, the details of facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of such deaths have occurred in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the number thereof; and

(d) whether Government have prepared any national scheme for police reforms in the light of above mentioned facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As reported by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the number of deaths in police custody during the last six months from 1 -5-2002 to 31 -10-2002 is 94. The details are given in the statement *(see* below).

(c) 13 deaths have been reported from the state of Maharashtra which is the highest number of deaths. 9 deaths have been reported from the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last six months.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.