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RAJYA SABHA

PWG Rampage on Goods Train in Andhra Pradesh

5135. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalites belonging People's War Group went on rampage, blasting a computerized engine of a goods train, office room of Railway Stations in the second week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government has made an assessment of loss incurred in the incidents, if so, me details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The loss, is assessed at Rs. 50 Lakhs to goods engine and about Rs. 2 Lakhs to the Railway Station.

(c) Government of Andhra Pradesh is taking all steps to protect the properties of the Government against the attack of extremists by intensifying police patrolling in the extremist affected areas and also guards at vulnerable places.

Female Infanticide in Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu

5136. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of female infanticide in Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu is under the attention of the authorities;

(b) if so, the female infants killed during the last five years; and

(c) the details of action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The instances of female infanticides in Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu had come to the notice of the authorities. This year *i.e.* in 2002, Police, Revenue and Health departments in Dharmapuri district are working together to fight the