

[23 April, 2003]

RAJYA SABHA

Demolition of Tomb of Renowned Poet of Gujarat

3458. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tomb and Grave of renowned poet Wali Gujarati at Ahmedabad was demolished in the carnage last year and whether Government have any plan to rebuild it;

(b) whether it is a fact that the police is not supporting and harassing the voluntary groups who are trying to rebuild the monument; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard alongwith details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Persons killed by Veerappan

3459. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons killed by Veerappan and the extent of his illegal activities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Home Minister at the time of the recent abduction of Shri Nagappa had stated that this was the last crime committed by Veerappan;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Union Government besides advice for nabbing the culprit;

(d) since the coordinated efforts of the State Government has failed, will the Central Government deploy Central forces to apprehend Veerappan; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor s?