

States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; introduction of scientific methods of investigation; and modernisation of communication network.

Rehabilitation of Migrants coming from Erstwhile East Pakistan

7672. SHRI KABINDRA PUR-KAYASTHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons especially Hindus who migrated to India from the erstwhile East Pakistan between 1964 and 1971;

(b) whether these people have demanded rehabilitation facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) About 11.14 lakh persons migrated from former East Pakistan during the period from 1.164 to 25.3.71. They are called New Migrants.

(b) to (d). Only those of New Migrants who had moved outside West Bengal and sought admission into the camps set up in various States outside West Bengal were declared eligible for rehabilitation assistance. The eligible New Migrants were rehabilitated in the schemes of agriculture and small trade/business in a number of states other than West Bengal. The eligible New Migrants families have already been rehabilitated. Only a few families who are staying in the P.L. Homes remain to be resettled. These families would be given rehabilitation assis-

tance as soon as their eldest child attains the age of 18 years.

Security to Journalists in Kashmir Valley

7673. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some militants organisations have recently given threats to some journalists in the Kashmir Valley as reported in Jansatta dated April 4, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). In a statement of 31.3.92 issued in vernacular media terrorist outfit has called for banning the entry of the Indian Express in the Valley and threatened its correspondent Mr. George Joseph to leave the Valley within 48 hours. A grenade was also hurled in the compound of the BBC correspondent at Srinagar. Earlier on 18th February, 1992 a bomb explosion took place at his residence.

The State Government has offered to provide security to the media personnel.

National Agricultural Investment Fund

7674. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Agricultural Investment Fund to subsidise the interest payable by

farmers on investments in Agriculture and allied activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Pak's Forging of Defence Ties with UK

7675. SHRIGEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI C. SREENIVASAN:
SHRI ANKUSHRAD
RADSAHEB TOPE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news—item regarding Pakistan's seeking to forge new defence ties with the UK appearing in 'The Economic Times' dated December 12, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take adequate measures to safeguard it.

Increase in Price of Fertilizers

7676. SHRISANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to

increase the price of fertilizers in view of increasing allocation for subsidy on fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the small and marginal farmers are not further affected by the price revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A Joint Parliamentary Committee has been constituted to go into the question of revision of fertilizer prices.

Pending receipt of recommendations of that Committee, there is no proposal, at present, for any increase in price of fertilizers.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Information and Mass Education Cell

7677. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any "Information and Mass Education Cell" functioning for educating the masses and creating awareness among the weaker sections of the society in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details of its activities during 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected.

World Bank Aided Horticulture Project

7678. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: