

[*Translation*]**Bogus Passport and Visa**

2021. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons who indulge in the trade of bogus passport and visa is increasing in the country;

(b) whether the employees of the concerned department are suspected to be involved in this affairs;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to hold an enquiry in this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The information regarding the number of persons who indulge in the trade of issue of bogus passport and visa is not compiled by the central agencies.

(b) The Ministry of External Affairs have informed that they have not come across any case where employees of the Passport Of-

fices were suspected to be involved in the affairs of issue of bogus passport.

(c) to (e). Do not arise.

[*English*]**Assistance for Development of Western Ghats**

2022. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have given financial assistance for the development of the Western Ghats to the Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and the amount spent by the State Government for implementation of the Scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether the State Government was required to refund the unutilised amount of the assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount released to Kerala for the development of Western Ghats and the amount actually utilised for the purpose during the last three years is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Released</i>	<i>Rs. in lakhs Expenditure</i>
1	2	3
1986-87	509.00	488.67
1987-88	507.18	439.88
1988-89	430.00	385.58