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**Infiltration**

352. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extremists have recently infiltrated through Assam border using fake passports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the extremists using the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Bhutan border for their negative activities. Government also has reports of some insurgents having obtained outside India false passports for movement to other countries. However, Government does not have any recent report regarding extremists infiltration into Assam by using fake passports. Series of measures have been taken for more effective border management including border fencing, border roads, border patrolling, checking by BSF etc. The matter has also been raised at the diplomatic level.

**Age Relaxation to OBCs**

353. SHRI V. SOBHANADRESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the decision given by the Supreme Court on the recommendation of Mandal Commission, instructions have been issued for providing benefit of reservation from the year 1993 onwards;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to give relaxation of five years in age limit to the candidates belonging to the category of other Backward Classes as is given in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE: (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The matter is under consideration.

[Translation]

**Demand and Supply of LPG**

354. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in West Bengal at present;

(b) the present position of supply and demand of LPG in the State;

(c) whether any request for opening of new LPG agencies have been received from West Bengal, particularly from Purulia; and

(d) if so, the time by which the agencies are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS: (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) As on 1.10.1994, there were 239 LPG distributorships in West Bengal.

(b) The existing average monthly demand of LPG in West Bengal is 13,545 MTs, and is being met in full by the Oil Industry.

(c) and (d) Requests are received from time to time from different parts of the country including different places in West Bengal for opening of more LPG distributorships. 34 new LPG distributorships have been included in the current Marketing Plan for West Bengal. Selection of distributors is done through the Oil Selection Board. It takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of LPG distributorships from the date of advertisement.

**Jail Employees**

355. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether A. L. Mulla Committee has recommended wages and facilities for the jail employees equal to those of police employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Prisons" being a State subject, are administered by the State Governments according to their own rules, regulations and Prison Manuals. All the recommendations including the recommendation relating to wages and facilities for the Jail employees equal to those of police employees have been forwarded to all the State Governments/UT Administrations for their consideration and implementation.