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#### Attacks on old persons

1432. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
DR. K.D. JESWANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of attacks on elderly citizens/couples in Delhi have been increasing;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last six months; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed by the Union Government in this regard?

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

(b) Nineteen cases of murder, three of assault and one of rape of elderly citizens have been reported in Delhi during the six months from 1.9.94 to 28.2.95 as against fourteen cases of murder and two cases of assault reported during the corresponding period a year ago.

(c) The steps being taken in this regard are as under:—

- (i) A Senior Citizens' Security Scheme is in vogue whereby all senior citizens have been identified, beat-wise and division-wise, in every police station. Beat Staff of the Police Stations frequently visits these senior citizens to offer them advice on security steps to be taken by them and to reassure them. They are advised in these visits to install home security devices like magic-eye, door-chain burglar alarm, to raise the height of boundary walls, to fix iron grills on doors and windows and to have the antecedents of their servants/domestic help verified etc.
- (ii) During the beat and division patrolling special vigil is maintained around the residences of senior citizens.
- (iii) The antecedents of servants and other domestic help, working with old persons, are verified.
- (iv) The Chowkidars of the area have been briefed to keep an eye on the residences of this category of persons.

#### Assistance for Modernisation of Police

1433. SHRI YELLAI AH NANDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have provided any central assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh or modernisation of police in the State;
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance provided during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government in the modernisation of para-military forces during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces, being implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs, an amount of Rs. 139.500 lakhs, Rs. 104.780 lakhs and Rs. 230.511 lakhs was released on 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively to the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Since no separate scheme for modernisation of para-military forces exists, there is no distinct classification of expenditure under this head.

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#### DD Programmes

1434. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
SHRI TARA SINGH:  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:  
SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:  
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to know the impact of the advent of foreign channels like Zee TV, MTV etc. on the popularity of Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have taken/proposed any steps to review the quality of Doordarshan programmes with a view to facing the challenges posed by foreign TV networks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Doordarshan has commissioned a study on the impact of television including satellite and cable television on the historical, cultural, social, political environment, sports, education and intellectual aspects. The report of the study is awaited.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan reviews its programmes on a continuing basis. It also endeavours to bring about a qualitative improvement in its programmes in order to sustain the interests of its viewers.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Terrorism Infested States

1435. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to accord the terrorism infested States a status similar to the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal.