

(a) whether the Government have suffered financial losses during the current year in making the payments for imported crude oil due to fall in the exchange rate of rupee against American dollar after March 1998; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Prices of oil in the international market are highly volatile and are subject to wide fluctuations and any movement in the international prices is bound to have an impact on our import cost. Due to variation in exchange rate of Rupee against US Dollar, an additional outgo in terms of Rupees for the period April-September, 1998 (Provisional) for import of crude oil and petroleum products is Rs. 730.64 crores.

Setting up of Anti-ISI Squads

2557. SHRI JANARDAN PRASAD MISRA :

SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up an anti-ISI squads to tackle the growing terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the number of ISI supported terrorists arrested during the last one year;

(c) the details of instructions of Central and State Government to the military/para-military and police force with respect to dealing and disposal of terrorist matter;

(d) whether the Union Government have given evidence to the Government of Pakistan about ISI's activities in the country;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan thereto; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Central and State Governments are already engaged in detecting and neutralising ISI sponsored terrorist activities.

(b) Number of ISI supported terrorists arrested during the year 1997 and 1998 is as under:-

1997 - 37 Indians, 5 Pak nationals

1998 - 29 Indians, 15 Pak nationals,
4 Bangladeshis

In J & K where the militancy is aided and abetted by Pak ISI number of militants arrested is as given below:-

1997 - 2557 Indians, 8 Pak nationals,
1 Bangladeshi, 10 Afghans

1998 - 1293 Indians, 12 Pak nationals,
1 Afghan

(c) The Central/State Government agencies including Military and Para Military and Police Forces are under instructions to keep a close watch on the situation and to take all necessary steps including sustained operations against terrorist and subversive elements.

(d) to (f) During the Home Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held on 12th November, 1998, Indian side drew attention of the Pakistani delegation to Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism and presented a document containing material evidence of Pakistan's involvement in terrorism. It was mentioned that Pakistan should give up its futile sponsorship of terrorism, hand over militants/underworld operators of Indian origin being sheltered by Pakistan, and close down training camps in Pakistan/POK and to deny use of their territory or other facilities to fundamentalist and militant organisations, who have been propagating violence.

Pakistani delegation, however, did not respond to specific instances of their involvement in sponsoring terrorism in India except as a general denial.

As a part of the composite India-Pak dialogue process Indo-Pak talks are held periodically.

[Translation]

Special Funds to Terrorism Affected States

2558. SHRI CHETAN CHAUHAN :

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are providing special funds to terrorism affected States to equip the Police Forces with latest modern weapons and activate the police machinery;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance provided by the Union Government to various States during 1997-98 and proposed to be provided during 1998-99; and

(c) the type of weapons demand by the States?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) to (c) 'Police' being a state subject as per the Constitution of India. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to equip their police forces properly. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing them