

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003
THREAT TO HINDI SPEAKING PEOPLE IN ASSAM
BHASKAR RAO PATIL;CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware that in North Eastern State of Assam, the Hindi speaking people have been asked to quit or face consequences by ULFA and other militant groups;
- (b) if so, the number of people killed so far and the reaction of the Union Government on such developments;
- (c) whether the Government propose to have a dialogue with the leaders of the militant groups and concerned State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide security to Hindi speaking persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 18 FOR 2.12.2003 RA BY SHRI BHASKARRAO PATIL & DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT.

According to reports, United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) had issued a Press release asking all Hindi speaking people to leave Assam and the North East.

2. The Government of Assam has reported that 50 persons have been killed in the violent incidents (till 26.11.2003).

3. The State Government had been advised by the Central Government to strengthen the presence of Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) by re-deployment. The State Government was also advised to requisition the Army in places having a large concentration of Bihari population for maintenance of law & order and instilling confidence among the local population. The Central Government had also provided 25 additional Coys of CPMFs to the State. Union Minister for SSI & DONER, Dr. C.P. Thakur and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Swami Chinmayanand has visited Guwahati and places of incidents in Bogaigaon, Tinsukhia and Dibrugarh on 22-23 November, 2003 and discussed the issues with the Chief Minister and the Governor of Assam.

4. The Government of India have made appeals to all the militant groups in the North East to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. The United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam have not yet responded.