

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2499
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INCIDENTS OF KILLING IN ASSAM
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur;Singh Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether peace and security has been threatened in the wake of killing of certain innocent people in Assam allegedly by the Indian Reserve Police Battalion and Army troops;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any investigation of the matter;
- (c) if so, the details of the findings thereof;
- (d) the details of the compensation paid to the next of kin of the persons killed in such incidents;
- (e) the reasons for the killings by the security forces in Assam; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a): No, Sir. However, consequent to the death of Ajit Mohanta, violence had erupted in some parts of Tinsukia district of Assam. On 10th February 2006, while controlling an unruly crowd at Kakopathar, the Central Police Forces/State Police had to resort to firing, which led to death of 8 persons and injury to 16 civilians and some `Security Forces` personnel.

(b) & (c): The Army has ordered a Staff Court of inquiry to investigate the circumstances leading to death of Late Shri Ajit Mohanta. The Court of inquiry has been expeditiously finalized and disciplinary action against the defaulters has been initiated.

(d): The Government of Assam has granted Rs. 5 lakh to next of kin (NoK) of Shri Ajit Mohanta and Rs. 3 lakhs each to other deceased. The army has also granted ex-gratia grant to the NoK of Shri Mohanta separately and have taken measures to rehabilitate the family.

(e): Majority of the casualties suffered by civilians are primarily due to insurgent activities. Security forces resort to opening of fire as a last resort. In such situations endeavour is always to minimize the casualties to innocent civilians.

(f): The Government has adopted adequate measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.