

Number of Militants in Detention in Punjab

675. SHRI A.K.A. ABDUL SAMAD:
SHRI CHIRANJI LAL
SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants detained in Punjab since 1 January, 1990 till date;

(b) the number of militants prosecuted during the period;

(c) the number of those who were released and those in detention as on 1 January, 1990 and 30 November, 1990; and

(d) the month-wise number of persons killed/apprehended on the International borders in Punjab during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d). Detailed information in this regard is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of House.

Number of Persons Killed/Arrested on J&K Border

676. SHRI A.K.A. ABDUL SAMAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise number of persons killed or apprehended on the international border or line of actual control in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1990; and

(b) the number of militants prosecuted in the State during the above period?

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). The information is awaited from the State Government.

Exodus of Minorities from Bangladesh

677. SHRI RAJMOHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exodus of minorities from Bangladesh has recently started;

(b) if so, the number of persons who crossed into India; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). There is no evidence to show that there is any recent exodus of minorities from Bangladesh.

The long and open border between India and Bangladesh, however, sometimes enables infiltrators to cross over surreptitiously into West Bengal and other States. Various steps have been taken from time to time to prevent infiltration. Border Security Force has been deployed for border patrolling. A five year programme commencing from 1986-87 has been sanctioned for strengthening surveillance by augmentation of BSF, establishing Border out Posts, Construction of more Observation Post Towers, providing increased mobility through border patrols and equipping them with more sophisticated equipments like night vision goggles, binoculars, hand-held torches, etc.