

(a) whether Government propose to deploy army in certain sensitive areas in Punjab;

(b) whether Government also propose to deploy the National Army comprising of the ex-servicemen in the towns and villages located near the Indo-Pak border to assist and coordinate with the para-military forces in apprehending the terrorists and other anti-national elements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). Government have no plans as yet for deployment of the Army in the areas mentioned. There is no force called 'National Army' and the question of deployment of such a force does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Drinking Water to Villages in Uttar Pradesh

10337. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought World Bank assistance for supply of drinking water in various villages and towns and for projects relating to environmental improvement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent a proposal to Central Government for World

Bank assistance for an Integrated Project for Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation in various villages and towns. This preliminary Project proposal was not accepted by the World Bank Mission which visited the State. The State Government has been asked to prepare a revised project proposal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Members of Parliament in Jails

10338. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Members of Parliament who are presently in jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): As per information available, only one Member of Parliament is in Jail.

[*English*]

National Agricultural Policy

10339. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main objectives of National Agricultural Policy have been to achieve self sufficiency in food production and also to increase farm income;

(b) if so, how far these objectives have been achieved; and

(c) if these objectives have not been achieved the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.