

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2542

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2013/PHALGUNA 29,1934 (SAKA)

**SPECIAL TRIBUNAL IN ALL DISTRICTS FOR SETTling FIRE AND OTHER  
MANMADE DISASTER CASES**

2542. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring in a legislation by creating special tribunals in all the 640 districts of the country to settle cases of compensation pertaining to fire and other manmade disasters;

(b) whether the National Advisory Council (NAC) has sought a comprehensive law on safety of victims; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): No Sir.

(b) & (c): A representation from the Association of the victims of the Uphaar tragedy on the issue, forwarded by National Advisory Council(NAC), was received by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The matter has been examined in detail in consultation with various departments/ministries. Government has noted the fact that there are provisions in various Acts for payment of compensation like Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 and Railway Act, 1989 etc., Government also noted that there are fundamental differences in road accidents on the one hand and the fire accidents/man-made disasters on the other. Unlike the former, it is not possible in the latter to pin-point any particular offender right at the beginning without due enquiry. In view of these reasons, it has been decided not to frame a separate law to deal with man-made disasters or to set up special tribunals.