

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1025

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13, 1936 (SAKA)

CURBING ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN NORTH EAST STATES

1025 SHRI K. C. TYAGI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is suggesting any super structure or ideological intervention in order to curb the issue of ethnic violence in North-East (NE) states;
- (b) what plans Government has in order to curb the spread of the identity political ideologies in the universities and public sphere which is the main source of ethnic rivalry in NE;
- (c) the details of the plan of infrastructure development in NE which is seen as a formidable measure to handle the ethnic competition in NE zone; and
- (d) the details of measures being taken by Government to compensate the victims of the age old ethnic issue ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b) : "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects under the Constitution of India. The responsibility of dealing with ethnic violence as per the provisions of extant laws rests primarily with the respective State Governments. However, the Central Government assists the Governments of North Eastern States in a variety of ways like sharing of intelligence, sending advance alert messages and advisories, deployment of Central Armed Police Forces including Rapid Action Force on specific requests, modernization of State Police Forces. The Central Government has also circulated revised Guidelines to promote communal harmony in the North Eastern States in 2008. The activities of all organizations having a bearing on communal harmony are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, wherever necessary.

(c) : To enhance the pace of socio-economic development of the people of the North-Eastern Region (NER), various measures have been taken for infrastructural development in NER. Besides giving central assistance on a liberal 90:10 sharing pattern to North Eastern States, the Central Government is also supplementing development efforts of the States through Special Central Assistance (SCA) and Special Plan Assistance (SPA). The earmarking of 10% of plan budgets of non-exempted Central Ministries/Department for expenditure in NER, creation of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources(NLCPR) and fiscal package of incentives for promoting industrialization in NER etc. are the policy initiatives for sustained development in the North East Region.

(d) : Under the 'Central Scheme for Assistance to Civilian victims of Terrorist and Communal Violence' effective from 1.4.2008, an amount of Rs. 3 lakh is given to the Civilian victims/Next of Kin of the victim in case of death or incapacitation/disability with 50% or more, subject to the condition that no employment has been provided to any of the family members of the victims by the State Government. As per revised Guidelines dated 29.6.2012, payment of assistance to the civilian victims/Next of Kin of victims shall be paid by the District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner of the respective districts and thereafter, amount shall be reimbursed to the State Government by Ministry of Home Affairs. Rehabilitation grants are also provided by the State Governments to the victim's family in case of damage of house which includes cash assistance, bundles of GCI sheets, cash for clothing and utensils etc. Besides, cash assistance under Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for damaged houses and central assistance under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) for construction of houses for identified affected families are being provided.
