

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED):

(a) As per available information, no Indian citizen was killed or seriously injured during the recent turmoil in Egypt.

(b) There has been no loss or damage to the property belonging to the Government of India during the turmoil. However, there was one incident related to an Indian company in Alexandria in which some miscreants took away office equipment. The company has since resumed normal activity.

(c) During the turmoil, Air India arranged three special flights, on 'no profit' basis, from Cairo to Delhi for Indian citizens living in Egypt and stranded Indian tourists who wanted to leave Egypt, but were unable to find booking in available commercial flights. Around 670 Indians availed of these special Air India flights to return to India.

Prior to the turmoil, about 3600 Indians were estimated to be living in Egypt. By now, most of the Indians who had temporarily left Egypt during the turmoil have returned to Egypt. The estimate for the number of Indians currently living in Egypt would, therefore, be 3600.

#### **ISI role in 26/11 attack**

524. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US investigations have confirmed ISI Role in 26/11 Mumbai attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government contemplates to raise this issue at international forum?

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(a) and (b) In the indictment filed by the US authorities in the District Court, Northern District of Illinois, seven individuals were charged for the Mumbai terror attacks, including those, the government believe, are associated with ISI. The testimonies during the trial drew attention to the links between the ISI and the terrorists responsible for the Mumbai Terrorist attacks.

(c) The Government has consistently drawn attention to the link between the security apparatus in Pakistan and the terrorist groups operating out of Pakistan. The international community is aware of these linkages.