

Govt nominates 4 NC members to Council

Cong, NC lock horns over LAHDC Kargil formation

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JAMMU, Sept 5: A piquant situation has cropped up in the State with both the coalition partners — Congress and National Conference (NC) locking horns over the formation of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil.

Ministers and politicians affiliated with both political parties were engaged in hectic parleys at different level to secure majority in the Hill Council, which is being seen by many as a pre-cursor to the forthcoming Assembly elections.

The fast changing political situation in the State took a new turn today after Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah nominated four members to the Hill Council, thereby tilting the balance clearly in favour of National Conference.

Reliable sources said even as the Congress Ministers and leaders were critical of the decision of National Conference (NC) leadership over the nomination, the latter's political leadership has described the deci-

sion as part of an understanding between the two coalition partners. "The issue pertaining to nominated Councillors had been discussed in the Coordination Committee during the formation of LAHDC, Leh. While the four nominated Councillors in the LAHDC, Leh belonged to Congress party, it was mutually decided that the four nominated members in the Kargil Council would belong to National Conference", said a senior NC leader.

Resent was brewing in Congress Camp over the issue of nomination and some Congress Ministers vowed to take up the issue with the Chief Minister, to press for withdrawal of nominated candidates. "However, there was little possibility of the withdrawal", sources asserted.

Four Councillors, who have been nominated to the LAHDC Kargil, included Panchuk Tashi (resident of Padum, Zaskar), Razia Banoo (resident of Kharbu, Drass), Miskeen Tsering (resident of Garkone tribal area in

Kargil) and Fatima Banoo (resident of Sapi, Kargil). Ladakh Affairs Department has issued notification vide No: LA(A) 28/2008 to Deputy Commissioner Kargil for necessary action.

Sources affirmed that the balance has actually tilted in favour of the National Conference with the nomination of these four members.

Political experts opined that four nominated members would also vote as and when the Ladakh Affairs Department announces the date for election of Chairman. "There is nothing in the rule book that bars the nominated members from voting during the election process", sources asserted.

Citing example, sources said, "during the regime of PDP-Congress coalition headed by Mufti Mohammad Syed, the State Government in the year 2004 had toppled the then LAHDC, Kargil Chairman Qamar Ali Akhooon from the office while supporting a no-confidence vote against him. The nominated legislators had

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Rs 1.25 cr cash, Rs 50 lakh worth jewelry seized

5 jewelers surrender Rs 24 cr undisclosed income

***Investment of concealed income in real estate detected**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 5: Notwithstanding the criticism from different quarters, the raids of the Income Tax Department in the premises of six top jewelers of Jammu have led to surrender of Rs 24 crore undisclosed income by five of them besides seizure of Rs 1.25 lakh cash and Rs 50 lakh worth jewelry. This figure would go up considerably as the sixth jeweler is also likely to surrender undisclosed income and five lockers sealed during the raids are yet to be operated by the IT Department.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that finding themselves in the dragnet of the Investigation Wing of the Income Tax Department, which laid hands on several incriminating documents during the raids continued for more than 24 hours, five of the six jewelers surrendered a total of Rs 24 crore concealed income.

As per the break of total amount, Ravindra Jewelers

surrendered Rs 10 crore followed by Silverlines, which has admitted to have concealed an amount of Rs 5 crore. Similarly, Krishna Jewelers and Shiv Jewelers surrendered Rs 4 crore each while as Suri Jewelers surrendered Rs one crore undisclosed income.

Besides Rs 24 crore surrendered, the IT raids also yielded Rs 1.25 crore unexplained cash from these jewelers and Rs 50 lakh worth jewelry of family members, sources said.

In response to a question, sources said, "the figure of Rs 24 crore will go up considerably as Talla Jewelers has yet not surrendered any undisclosed income. Talla Jewelers has reportedly offered to surrender few crores of rupees", adding "moreover, the documents impounded during the raids are yet to be put to detailed scrutiny".

They further said that five lockers, which were sealed during more than 24 hours long continuous raids, would be opened within next one or two

days and possibility of undisclosed income having been kept there cannot be ruled out. "The modus operandi of these jewelers was to keep major portion of the stock out of the books in order to avoid income tax", sources said in response to another question.

Disclosing that the undisclosed income was mainly being invested in the real estate business, sources disclosed that from Suri Jewelers, which surrendered Rs 1 crore undisclosed income, more than 100 Registries of different chunks of land at different places were recovered. Similarly, Silverlines was found having invested concealed income in the real estate and bullion, sources added.

This was the highest ever surrender made during the raids of the Income Tax Department's Investigation Wing in the State. In April 2011 such raids had yielded Rs 16.5 crore undisclosed income.

According to the sources, the (Contd on page 4 Col 3)



Bollywood actor Priyanka Chopra unveiling the cover page of the latest issue of Femina magazine, in Mumbai on Thursday. (UNI)

Govt not to allow JKCCS concert
Zubin Mehta arriving today

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sept 5: Security in Srinagar has been put on high alert ahead of music maestro Zubin Mehta's arrival in Srinagar tomorrow for the concert in Shalimar Garden on the bank of Dal lake on Saturday.

Sources said that the State Government is not allowing the rival concert of the Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (CCS) in Srinagar following security and political concerns.

A Government spokesman told Excelsior that district administration has raised several queries in response to the application sent by the CCS to seek permission for holding a rival concert, (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

RS nod to new system of Judges' appointment

NEW DELHI, Sept 5:

A Constitutional Amendment Bill paving way for the creation of a Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC) to replace the present collegium system to appoint judges to higher courts was passed in the Rajya Sabha today amid high drama with BJP walking out.

A push by BJP for referring the Constitution (120th Amendment) Bill, 2013 to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on law failed and it was passed by 131 votes in favour and one

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Army not allowed to patrol up to LAC

NEW DELHI, Sept 5:

A committee tasked by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to assess the situation on the China border is understood to have reported that Indian troops are not being allowed to patrol up to the perceived Line of Actual Control (LAC) by Chinese Army.

The team, headed by National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) chairman Shyam Saran, visited Ladakh between August 2 and 9 to review the border infrastructure development and the situation there.

It is believed to have said that Chinese troops have built motorable roads inside the LAC perceived by India in Daulat Beg Oldie and other sectors in Ladakh and that patrolling by Indian troops was being prevented, sources said. (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

Mian Qayoom elected Bar president

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 5: Kashmir High Court Bar Association today elected senior Advocate Mian Abdul Qayoom as its president. He defeated his rival advocate G N Shaheen.

Eleven candidates were in fray for the general elections of the executive body of Bar Association for which polling was held at Sadder Court Complex here.

Qayoom secured 398 votes and won by a margin of 221 votes against his rival and former Bar president G N Shaheen.

Aijaz Bedar was elected Vice President. He secured 353 votes while his rival, Bashir Ahmad Dar, got 169 votes. (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

1965 war ammunition seized

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 5: Police have recovered a cache of ammunition dating back to the 1965 Indo-Pak war from village Trota in Jaurian area of Akhnoor tehsil along the Line of Control (LoC).

Police dug out over 1,300 rounds of ammunition, which included 564 rounds of SLR and 813 rounds of carbine, besides a hand grenade, in the presence of Army from village Trota after getting an information from the local people, police sources said.

The ammunition and explosive device were in two boxes and (Contd on page 4 Col 2)

Wider network of police-ultras nexus

Two more cops nabbed for militant links, total arrests 4

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Sept 5: A wider racket of police-militant nexus is emerging in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch with police exploring the links of its own personnel across the Line of Control (LoC) for smuggling weapons for selling them to militants or using for illegal activities like extortions on their own.

After the arrest of two police personnel yesterday, Rajouri police today arrested two more policemen from Poonch district, one of whom was posted in

Surankote police station and another in CID (Counter Intelligence) Cell in Mendhar. With these arrests, Rajouri police have arrested a total of four police personnel during past two days amidst indications that more arrests and recoveries could be on cards. "We are not ruling out involvement of more police personnel in the racket," official sources said.

Two police personnel, who were arrested today, have been identified as Mohammad Yusuf, Selection Grade Constable (SGC) son of Mohammad Ayub, a resident of Balakote, Mendhar, presently posted at police station Surankote and Mohammad Bashir, a Special Police Officer (SPO) son of Inayat Shah, a resident of Dharana, Mendhar, posted in CID (CI) Cell at Mendhar.

Two policemen, who were arrested yesterday, included Ashfaq Ahmad son of Mohammad Yusuf, a resident of Nakka Panjgrain, Manjakote, a Follower posted in Kishtwar district but hadn't joined duties

there and Mohammad Zakheer alias Zaheer son of Hussain Mohammad R/o Rajdhani Bagla, Thanna Mandi, a Follower posted in District Police Lines (DPL), Rajouri.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Rajesh Kumar, when contacted said: "police was investigating the case further. Recoveries of illegal weapons from the police personnel is a serious issue. We have taken cognizance of the matter. Things would be clear in the next few days after interrogation of all arrested police personnel was completed".

Sources said two police personnel arrested today from Surankote and Mendhar have been shifted to Rajouri police station, where they were being (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

No record of visitors maintained, all grown up girls sexually abused

Administration takes over mgmt of Home for Mentally Retarded

***Committee being constituted to inspect other homes**

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Sept 5: Finding all the inmates frightened and fearful, the Jammu district administration has taken over the management of the Rotary Inner Wheel Home for Mentally Retarded Children at Channi Rama while an enquiry committee has pointed out that no record of people visiting the children in the home was ever maintained by the staff and all the grown up girls were sexually abused by the staff members as well as some outsiders.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that as all the inmates of the home for mentally retarded children were found

in the grip of fear psychosis during the course of detailed inquiry, the Jammu district administration has taken over the management of the home till further orders. "The management of the Rotary Inner Wheel Home is now being looked after by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, representatives of Child Line and Regional Red Cross Society etc", sources added.

Keeping in view the startling revelations vis-à-vis this home the district administration has decided to shortly constitute a committee having representation from various fields to carry out inspections in all other homes being oper-

ated in Jammu, sources said. "The inspection of other homes should not be co-related with the inhuman incidents in the Home for Mentally Retarded Children as the purpose behind such inspection(s) would be to ensure that inmates of other homes get due attention of the respective managements and all are taken care of properly", sources added.

Meanwhile, some startling revelations have come to fore during the enquiry conducted by a team constituted by the District Development Commissioner, Jammu.

According to the enquiry report, the copy of which is in (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

CM to chair apex committee meet today

Rs 6000 cr revised Rehab package to be reviewed

Avtar Bhat

JAMMU, Sept 5: The Government Apex Committee on Kashmiri migrants which is meeting in Srinagar tomorrow under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is likely to discuss Rs 6000 crore revised rehabilitation package of internally displaced people from Valley among other host of issues pertaining to them.

According to highly placed sources, the Apex Committee will discuss the Government of India's revised rehabilitation package of Kashmiri migrants in light of recent Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs meeting with migrant leaders.

The Committee will also discuss the PM's employment

package for Kashmiri migrant youth and take a decision on filling up of the remaining posts as out of 6000 posts as only 1450 posts were filled up in last over six years since Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh announced the package at Akhnoor during his visit to Jammu in early 2008.

Sources said the Committee will also discuss a proposal on providing of loan to the over aged migrant youth for opening of income generating units by them as majority of the over aged displaced youth are in desperation because they have no avenues of livelihood and were totally dependent on cash doles provided by Government. This step will help these youth in standing upon their own legs by earning their livelihood, sources added.

Sources said the meeting

will also review the facilities in migrant camps including the Jagti township and providing of relief under APL category to non relief holders among migrants.

In the meeting some of the members may also press for reviewing of the decisions which were taken earlier without taking them into confidence, sources added.

The meeting besides the Chief Minister will also be attended by Minister of State with independent charge of Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation, Aijaz Ahmed Khan, Revenue Secretary, Vinod Kaul, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, R K Pandita and other senior officers.

Sources said there is a lot of resentment among the displaced people for delaying the

much talked about PM's employment package and some of the Apex Committee members who either resigned from the Committee or are staying away from tomorrow's meeting termed the package an eye wash. They said that the package has been implemented half heartedly as both State and Central Government's were not sincere in its implementation in letter and spirit.

There is also resentment among the displaced people in general and Apex Committee members in particular for delaying the implementation of decision taken in previous meetings and also not holding the meetings after a stipulated time frame to discuss the issues faced by the internally displaced peo-

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JAMMU
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers.

TEMPERATURE
Max: 33.2 Degree C
Min: 23.6 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
Highest: 83.0 per cent
Lowest: 82.0 per cent
Sunset on Friday: 06:52 p.m.
Sunrise on Saturday: 06:10 a.m.

KASHMIR
Mainly dry.

TEMPERATURE
Max: 29.2 Degree C
Min: 13.4 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
Highest: 70.0 per cent
Lowest: 42.0 per cent

RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION

The Land Acquisition Bill stipulates that the land owners get compensation up to four times the market price

Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA
Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister

BHARAT NIRMAN
MEELON HUM AA GAYE, MEELON HUMEN JANA HAI

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India

Union Cabinet approved the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill on 5th Sept 2011. The bill is under the consideration of the Parliament.

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