

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO INDIA

IRELAND

- What measures have been taken to ensure full enjoyment of the freedoms of expression, assembly and association, with particular regard to the right to protest?
- What measures have been taken to promote the role of human rights defenders, through education and inclusion in decision-making, in particular amongst national authorities, law enforcement officials and security officers?
- What measures have been put in place to support the work of human rights defenders?
- Is the Government of India willing to consider changing the provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Bill 2006 in light of widely held concerns that the Bill as it stands, if adopted, would restrict the independence and operation of non-governmental organisations?
- Has the Government of India any plans to amend or repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) provisions which give rise to concern about the potential for impunity, particularly in areas of conflict such as Jammu and Kashmir and the North East of India?

GERMANY

- What is India doing in law and in practice to ensure equal treatment of Dalits and other scheduled casts, in particular regarding the access to land, education and medical services as well as the allocation of derogative and harmful work and in how far are the Concluding Observations of the CERD-Committee taken into account in this respect ?
- Is India considering resuming the modifications of the Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA) and which modification will be considered to align the stipulations of this law with international human rights standards?
- What is India doing in practice to implement respective national laws to abolish child labour?

PORTUGAL

- We welcome the Government of India's efforts to combat the scourge of child labour, namely through the adoption of the Child Labour Law, that came into force in October 2006. Could India share the preliminary results of the implementation of this law?