

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN NORTH EAST
MINATISEN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any constructive dialogue with the Chief Ministers of North-Eastern region aimed at preventive and control of the terrorist activities in the region;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the name of agencies behind the growing terrorism in the North-Eastern region; and
- (d) the steps taken to prevent cross border terrorism in the North-Eastern States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) & (b) The Government of India is continually engaged in dialogue with Chief Ministers of North Eastern States to prevent and control militancy in the region.

Prime Minister had convened a conference of Chief Minister`s and Governors of all North Eastern States, and Sikkim, at Shillong on January 21/22, 2000 where the security situation was reviewed. The Union Home Minister also visited Tripura on March 27/28, 2000 and Arunachal Pradesh on April 2/3, 2000 and held discussions with the Chief Ministers on the security situation in the respective States.

(c) The major militant groups in the North Eastern States are as under:

(i) Assam:

1. United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA)
2. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)

(ii) Manipur:

1. People`s Liberation Army (PLA)
2. United National Liberation Front (UNLF)
3. People`s Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)
4. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP)
5. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL)
6. Manipur People`s Liberation Front (MPLF)

(iii) Nagaland:

1. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) (NSCN(I/M))
2. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) (NSCN(K))

(iv) Tripura:

1. All Tripura Tiger Force
2. National Liberation Front of Tripura

In addition, there are numerous other militant groups like the Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC), Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC), People's Liberation Front of Meghalaya (PLFM), Dimasa Halm Daogah (DHD), Bru National Liberation Front (BNLF) etc. A number of Muslim organisations have also come up.

ISI of Pakistan has come to notice for providing assistance by way of arms, training and material support to Indian militant groups in the North East.

(d) There are reports that some of the North-Eastern insurgent groups have developed trans-border linkages in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan. Our security concerns, including illegal migration, cross-border movements and cross-border crimes, have been taken up with these countries at appropriate levels.

A series of other measures have been taken by the government to curb the problem of infiltration and cross border terrorism. These include, inter alia, construction of border roads, border fencing, raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between Border Outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc.