

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:344

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ISI ACTIVITIES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `ISI sending Afghan guerrillas to J&K` appearing in `The Pioneer` dated September 16, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Pakistan`s ISI have been sending Afghani guerrillas in India;

(c) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(d) the number of Afghans illegally staying in India and nabbed by various security forces during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to curb their activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(e): Yes Sir. Pakistan has been sending foreign mercenaries into Jammu & Kashmir for militancy which also includes a few Afghan nationals.

As per information supplied by the State Government of J&K, 14 mercenaries of Afghan origin have been arrested from 1990 to 31st October 2000 and 173 mercenaries of Afghan origin have been killed from 1990 to 31st October 2000 in the State of J&K. Government is following a multi-pronged strategy to combat terrorists (including foreign mercenaries) in J&K which inter-alia includes checking infiltration through better border management and sustained operation against the terrorists within J&K.

As per available information, Afghan nationals overstaying in India is as follows:-

Year	No. of persons
1997	7015
1998	6764
1999	12154