GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3512 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001 ACTIVITIES OF LASHKAR-E-TOIBA Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public pronouncements of Lashkar-e-Toiba Chief reveal the increase of its strikes against civilians, police and military installations in the coming days;

(b) if so, whether the intelligence reports have also confirmed it; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by the Government to check their activities?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There are reports that Lashkar-e-Toiba is attempting to step up violence, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir.

(c): Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of militants by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication systems etc. Central Government has also been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of various militant outfits. Steps have also been taken to secure greater international cooperation for curbing the activities of such militant organisations operating from bases in foreign countries.