

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3885
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OFFENSIVE AGAINST INDIAN FORCES
JITENDRA PRASADA;RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Pak ultras plan final offensive` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February 6, 2000 ;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the cross border activities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of news item.
- (b) Government is vigilant.
- (c) With a view to deal with the cross border activities the Government has adopted a multi pronged approach which includes, inter-alia, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional framework of Operations Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for Security Forces, closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.