

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1428

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ISI ACTIVITIES IN ASSAM

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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 regarding ISI threat to leaders of Assam appearing in `Jansatta` dated November 5, 2001
- (b) if so, whether the activities of ISI have been increased in North-Eastern area, particularly in Assam; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check these activities?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government has reports that the Pak ISI has been helping the North East militants/terrorists in purchase and transportation of arms consignments from abroad to the North Eastern Region. The reports also indicate that the Pak ISI is providing assistance to the North Eastern militants in terms of money. Pak ISI has also been motivating misguided youths for training across the border.

(c): To neutralize activities of ISI agents, Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well coordinated intelligence based action against ISI agents and militants sponsored by them, setting up of outposts of security forces and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Steps taken in this regard have resulted in detection/neutralization of various Pak ISI backed modules. The Government of India has also taken up the matter relating to the camps of anti-India militants with the Governments of neighbouring countries. The Governments of neighbouring countries have assured that they will not allow undesirable elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.