

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ISI THREAT ON INDIAN BORDERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ISI threats and criminal activities are increasing on the border with Nepal, Pakistan and China;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether training camps of ISI have come up in these countries; and
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken to counter ISI criminal activities in these areas ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government is aware of the sinister designs of Pak ISI to promote and sponsor terrorism in the country. Available information indicates that fake Indian currency notes are clandestinely inducted into the country from across the Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders. Pak ISI is also reported to be launching subversive and terrorist activities into the country through Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal border. There have also been incidents of smuggling of arms and narcotics from across Indo-Pak border. Several training/transit camps are known to be functioning in POK/Pakistan with the active assistance of ISI. There is no specific information about ISI activities on India China border.

(d): In order to deal with the situation, Government have adopted a well- coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of out-posts of security forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and Upgradation of police and security 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 ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.