

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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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 `Pvt. securitymen in ISI honey trap` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated January 15, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check ISI activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While no specific information on the subject referred to in the news item is available, there are reports of Pak ISI indulging in anti-India activities including cultivation of vulnerable youth in areas around Indo-Nepal border.

(c) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the ISI activities which includes strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by coordinated intelligence, constitution of UP-Indo Nepal Police Force, setting up of out-posts of security forces and modernisation and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Measures have also been taken to enhance cooperation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. The concerned agencies of the two countries remain in regular touch. There are also bilateral institutional mechanisms, such as the Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary level talks, which have been evolved to specifically develop cooperation on security matters and to address these concerns.