

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ARMY'S CONTACTS WITH ULFA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Army has established contacts with senior leaders of ULFA and is pursuing them to open a political level dialogue with the Union Government;
- (b) whether the ULFA is reported to have developed love for Pakistan and its spy agencies;
- (c) whether the Army is also aware that ULFA was getting training from ISI in Afghanistan;
- (d) if so, the details of the documents obtained by the Army in this regard;
- (e) whether ULFA has been creating terror for the last several months with the help of the ISI agents; and
- (f) the concrete measures taken to check the activities of ULFA in league with the ISI?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Reports appearing in media point to an ULFA-ISI nexus. During the Kargil conflict, the ULFA had issued anti army statements calling upon the Assamese people not to contribute towards National Defence Fund. The outfit criticised the Government of India for, what it felt, suppressing the right of self-determination of Kashmiris and exhorted the Assamese troops not to fight in Kargil and return to Assam.

(c) & (d): There is no conclusive evidence.

(e) ULFA militancy in Assam is well under control although the outfit is still capable of carrying out random acts of violence/terrorism.

(f) Various measures like gearing up the intelligence machinery, coordinated action by security forces, modernisation and upgradation of police and intensification of patrolling on the border etc. are being taken for the purpose.