## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:835 ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000 ALLIANCE AMONG SECESSIONIST / TERRORIST GROUPS SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

### Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether secessionist and terrorist groups operating in North-East are trying to forge an alliance to aggravate their activities;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union government to meet the situation?

# Answer

### THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

#### (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): Much of the Militancy in the North East has degenerated into a cottage industry of killings,. Extortions and kidnappings with the sole aim of making money, and is largely bereft of any ideology. The militant groups in the North East, in pursuance of their aforesaid objective, do occasionally form opportunistic alliances.

Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, interalia, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between between the security forces; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as `disturbed areas` and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations`. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action. Government is also committed to restoration of peace and has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution.