

**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 the Government are aware that the ISI have been targetting to spread militancy in the peaceful districts of J&K particularly Leh and Kargil;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have chalked out any schemes to crush the nefarious designs of ISI and its wings in different parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State Government have been sounded on the expansion of ISI network; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the activities of ISI in the country?

Answer

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

(a): It is a known fact that terrorism in J&K is aided and abetted by Pak ISI through PoK. The ISI has embarked upon an extensive operation to infiltrate terrorists based in Northern Areas into Dras and Kargil sectors to spread militancy in Leh and Kargil.

(b) & (e): 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 up-gradation of police and security forces with advance sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

At diplomatic level Government has used every opportunity to apprise the international community of Pakistan's support to and sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. The International community widely supports India's view that there can be no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.

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 a result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules have been neutralized.