GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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WHITE PAPER ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several political parties have urged the Government to issue a White Paper on terrorism;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the strategy formulated by the Government to check terrorism?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

- (a)&(b): There is no proposal to issue a White Paper on Terrorism.
- (c): In order to check trans-border crime and terrorism, the Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups by well coordinated intelligence based operations. From time to time, the Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about threat perception with regard to the activities of militant groups. Assistance is provided by the Central Government to the States by way of deployment of para-military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State Police Forces. 32 militant organisations have been notified as Terrorist Organisations. Besides, the Government has set up Joint Working Groups with a number of countries to counter cross border crime and terrorism.