

**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 it is a fact that many youth from bordering States particularly from Gujarat have been enticed by the ISI to cross over to Pakistan and joined militant organisations for training;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of such youths identified;
- (c) whether some of those have already completed training and joined militant organizations operating in the various States;
- (d) if so, the number of such persons, killed or captured, in anti-insurgency operation; and
- (e) the reasons behind this illegal traffic and the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) to (e): As per available reports, some youths in the state of Jammu & Kashmir are taken to Pakistan by Pak based terrorist outfits for training and re-induction into India as a part of Pakistan's policy of cross-border terrorism. There have also been some reports that some Muslim youths from Gujarat have been taken to Pakistan via Bangladesh for training.

In order to deal with the situation, the Government has pursued a multipronged approach which inter alia, includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration and exfiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery and undertaking well coordinated intelligence based anti-terrorist operations. Further, as a result of the coordinated action by the Central and State intelligence and security agencies, a number of Pak backed terrorist/espionage modules have been detected/neutralized in various parts of the country.