

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1919
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EXTREMIST IN MANIPUR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidence of extortion of money by the extremist groups has been increased in Manipur recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any link of extremist groups operating in Manipur with ISI; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to check the activities of outfits there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

- (a) & (b): Militant activities, including extortion, in Manipur have shown an increase in recent past. This is mainly because much of the Militancy in the North East, including Manipur, has degenerated into a cottage industry of killings, extortions and kidnappings with the sole aim of making money.
- (c): Pak ISI is actively involved in fomenting trouble in the North East.
- (d): Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in Manipur include, inter alia, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernisation/upgradation of State Police force; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Government; declaration of the entire State as 'disturbed area' 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.