

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1869
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TALKS WITH TERRORISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting with the Chief Ministers of the North Eastern States was held to tackle the problem of the North-Eastern region;
- (b) if so, the issues on which an agreement was reached;
- (c) whether any strategy was made to free the North-Eastern region from the terrorists activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A conference of Chief Ministers of North Eastern States including Sikkim was held on 1st Feb` 05 at Guwahati under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister for reviewing matters relating to internal security, disaster management and development of North Eastern States, For addressing the problem of insurgency in the North Eastern States more effectively, the State Governments were advised, interalia, to consider setting up of Unified Command Structure for counter insurgency operations on the lines of similar structures in Assam and Manipur, to prepare plans for strengthening of Police forces and intelligence set-ups in respective States and to expedite utilization of funds given by Ministry of Home Affairs under the Scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces.