

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1868  
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ISI ACTIVITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether ISI activities in West Bengal is increasing;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware of the press reports from Midnapur in West Bengal on alleged links between naxalities and Pakistan intelligence agency ISI;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is also aware of the links between the naxalities and the militant groups of North East and Sri Lanka;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the activities of ISI in the country particularly in West Bengal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a), (b) & (c): The information is being collected from the State Government.

(d) & (e): There have been reports to suggest links between the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)-People's War (CPML-PW) and some of the insurgent groups in the North-East.

As per available information, there are no organizational links between the Indian Naxalite outfits and militant outfits of Sri Lanka.

(f): In order to deal with the situation, the Government has pursued a well coordinated multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups/anti-national elements/ISI agents by well coordinated intelligence based operations.

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 including in West Bengal.