

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2870
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ISI ACTIVITIES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Sunderbans Tiger Reserve is emerging as the new entry point for ISI sponsored `terrorists` according to various intelligence agencies as reported in the Hindustan Times dated August 24, 2006;
- (b) If so, the facts and the details thereof;
- (c) Whether infiltration in the country from Bangladesh is rampant from Sunderbans area and the State Government has failed to curb such activities;
- (d) If so, the facts and the details thereof; and
- (e) The steps taken to prevent entry of terrorists in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a) to (d): No, Sir. However, as per available inputs three terrorists belonging to JeM and LeT are reported to have entered the country through the Sunderbans area.
- (e) :The State Government has increased vigil in the border areas and geared up ground level intelligence and close liaison is maintained with other sister agencies. The State Government has also set up Anti-Terrorist Cells in North Bengal and South Bengal units of intelligence branch. The border guarding forces maintain round the clock surveillance by carrying out patrolling on foot, by boats/vehicles and observation posts. Riverine segments are dominated by deploying vessels/water crafts. Further, the Indian Coast Guard ships and aircraft maintain regular and continuous patrol along the Indo-Bangladesh maritime boundary to check any unlawful activity.