GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:81 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2004 US ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT TERRORISM Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the U.S. has offered help in combating terrorism in the North-East;
- (b) If so, whether any written request has been received by the Union Government; and
- (c) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The offer of assistance was received by Ministry of Home Affairs in the form of a letter dated October 04, 2004 written by Ambassador of USA.
- (c) Cooperative efforts in the field of counter-terrorism would be discussed within the existing framework of cooperation for such matters.