

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5159

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SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES IN PUNJAB

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are reports of efforts to revive militancy/ terrorism in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the involvement of Pakistan based ISI has been reported in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (d): Available reports suggest that Sikh Militant groups especially those based abroad, continue to persist with their efforts to revive militancy in Punjab.

(e): The Government has adopted an integrated approach to counter such attempts which, inter alia, include sustained vigilance along the borders, strengthening of mechanisms for intelligence gathering and sharing; modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced/sophisticated weapons etc. A close watch is maintained on the activities of various groups known to have been engaged in trying to foment terrorist activities in Punjab. In addition, pro-Khalistan terrorist outfits namely, Babbar Khalsa international, international Sikh youth Federation, Khalistan Commando Force and Khalistan Zindabad Force continue to be listed as Terrorist Organizations in the schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act.