GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2743 ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010 MILITANCY IN NE STATES Ananth Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that number of militant outfits active in the North Eastern parts of the country have formed a united front;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these outfits are getting financial assistance and weapons from sources outside the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to thwart such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) & (b): While there are inputs that groups of militant outfits had formed various fronts in the last decade, there are no specific reports of militant outfits active in the North East having formed a united front.
- (c) & (d): There is no credible information available regarding provision of financial assistance to these outfits from outside the country. However, there is ample evidence that these outfits are procuring arms and ammunitions from sources across the international borders.
- (e): Our concerns on these issues are shared with the neighbouring countries at various bilateral fora. Efforts of the State Governments are being supplemented by the Central Government through various measures scuh as deployment of additional Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities with the objective of carrying out intensive counter insurgency operations; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including construction of border fencing; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernisation Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspects of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.