

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF MILITANCY IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that certain militant group are attempting to revive militancy in the State of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the connivance of hostile foreign agencies have been reported in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to thwart such threats to internal security?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Available report suggest that Sikh Militant groups especially those based abroad, are continuing 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 Organisations in the schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2004.