

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:341
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2009
INSURGENCY IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several insurgent groups are active in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including in Arunachal Pradesh;
- (c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has offered peace talks/dialogue with such groups; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 FOR REPLY ON 28.7.2009 REGARDING INSURGENCY IN NORTH EAST.

(a) & (b): Major militant outfits active in the North Eastern Region (NER) are:- United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), its splinter group Karbi Longri NC Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and its splinter group DHD-J in Assam; 23 groups divided on ethnic lines viz. Meiteis, Kukis, Nagas etc. including Peoples Liberation Army (PLA), Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), United National Liberation Front (UNLF), Peoples Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), Kanglei Yaol Kanna Lup (KYKL) and Manipur Peoples' Liberation Front (MPLF) in Manipur; Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) and Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) in Meghalaya; National Socialist Council of Nagaland (I/M) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K) in Nagaland; and National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) in Tripura.

The major insurgent groups active in the State of Arunachal Pradesh are National Socialist Council of Nagaland (I/M) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K), particularly in the Tirap and Changlang districts. United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) is also active in the State.

(c): Efforts of the State Governments, who are primarily responsible for ensuring public order and security in their areas, are being supplemented by the Central Govt. through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities with the objective of carrying out intensive counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessments; 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 Modernization 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. The Central Govt. is maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Governments in the region with a view to periodically review the situation and taking further steps as may be necessary on a continuing basis.

(d) & (e): While supplementing the efforts of the State Government in undertaking sustained Counter Insurgency operations against elements who indulge in violence and anti-national activities, the Government has always been willing to talk to any outfit provided it abjures violence and comes forward for discussions within the framework of the Indian Constitution.

The Government has entered into Cease Fire arrangement in Nagaland with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isac/Muivah) {NSCN/IM} and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) {NSCN/K}. In Nagaland, the peace talks are being conducted only with the NSCN/IM faction.

Among other North Eastern States, the Government has entered into Suspension of Operations (SoO)/Cease Fire arrangement with United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD), and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) in Assam; Kuki National Organization and United People's Front and its constituents in Manipur; and Achik National Volunteer Council

(ANVC) in Meghalaya.