

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PUNE AND MUMBAI BLASTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pune and Mumbai blasts were the major blasts occurred during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is any failure in recognising the growth of SIMI and Indian Mujahideen in these years at the political and Government level; and
- (c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) : Yes Madam. After the Mumbai terror attack on 26.11.2008, there was no major terrorist incident in the hinterland in the year 2009. Since 2010 as per the assessment of the Central Intelligence and State Police Agencies, terrorist action was responsible for the following two incidents of bomb blast in the hinterland, viz.,

- 13th February, 2010 - bomb blast at "German Bakery" in Pune.
- 13th July, 2011 - serial bomb blasts at Zaveri Bazar, Opera House and Dadar area of Mumbai.

Apart from the above two, in two separate incidents of firing and bomb blast on 9th Sept, 2010 near Jama Masjid, Delhi and on 7th December, 2010 at Sheetalaghat, Varanasi, responsibility has been claimed by some terrorist groups. These incidents as well as the claims are under investigation.

Lastly, incidents of bomb blasts which have been reported and are under investigation, in which no pointer/fact suggesting terrorist involvement is available, are :

- 29th March, 2010 - bomb blast at Mehrauli, New Delhi.
- 17th April, 2010 - bomb blast at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore.
- 25th May, 2011 - bomb blast near High Court in Delhi.

(b) & (c): No Madam. The Central Intelligence and Security agencies are aware of the threats posed by the terrorist elements including IM and SIMI and their nefarious designs including to target major Indian cities to cause mass casualties.