

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF TERRORISM IN PUNJAB

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the efforts being made by certain groups based abroad to revive terrorism in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up this matter with the countries where such groups are active;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete measures taken by the Government to check the revival of militancy in Punjab?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

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

(c) & (d): In countries where such activities have been noticed, Government of India has taken up the matter at the level of Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs), Ministerial meetings and Joint Working Groups on Counter Terrorism, sensitizing these Governments about India's security concerns.

(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 up-gradation of police and security forces with advanced/sophisticated weapons. 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, 2004.