GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1240 ANSWERED ON:05.03.2013 DISMANTLING INSURGENT TRAINING CAMPS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Myanmar has recently assured to dismantle the training camps and operational headquarters of the Indian insurgent groups in its territory; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Yes Madam.

The presence of Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) in Myanmar has been the single most important security issue for India at every bilateral negotiations between India and Myanmar.

- 2. In the recently held 18th NLM between India and Myanmar at New Delhi on 28-29th December, 2012, the issue of continued presence of IIG groups in Myanmar was raised again and the Myanmar authorities assured to co-operate closely to address the Indian concerns. Myanmar Government reiterated the assurance that Myanmar would never allow insurgents and subversive elements to use its own territory for activities inimical to India.
- 3. During the State visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Myanmar in May 2012, the need for enhanced co-operation between security forces and border guarding agencies for securing peace, security and stability in the border areas was discussed between the leaders of the two countries. Both the leaders reaffirmed their shared commitment to fight the scourge of terrorism and insurgent activity in all its forms and manifestations. Both leaders reiterated that territories of either country would not be allowed to be used for activities inimical to the other, including for training, sanctuary and other operations by terrorist and insurgent organizations and their operatives.
- 4. A continuous dialogue on security co-operation between India and Myanmar is maintained through diplomatic and institutional mechanisms. These include Foreign Office Consultations, National Level Meeting (NLM) at Home Secretary Level and Sectoral Level Meeting (SLM) at Joint Secretary Level held every year.