

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE TO SEPARATISTS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received information regarding assistance provided by neighbouring country, China to separatist groups involved in large scale violence that took place in the North Eastern States in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various separatist organisations active in the North Eastern States are getting financial assistance and weapons from China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): No Madam. However, there are reports that the insurgent groups operating in the North Eastern States of India have been augmenting their armory by acquiring arms from China and Sino-Myanmar border towns and routing them through Myanmar. There are no confirmed reports to suggest that the insurgent groups are receiving funds from China.

(e): The Government of India has taken up the matter with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels. The Chinese Government has conveyed that it would never support armed groups that are against the Government of India. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has stated that the Chinese Government always adheres to the principle of non-interference in other countries' internal affairs and they do not support any anti-government forces in India. India and China have an annual Counter-Terrorism Dialogue under which the two sides discuss all such issues. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.