## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1327 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2013 REVIVAL OF SIKH MILITANCY Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

## Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that some hostile foreign agencies like ISI are making efforts by way of financing to revive Sikh militancy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the National Investigation Agency has investigated into the funding of Babar Khalsa International in the recent past; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

## **Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Inputs indicate that ISI operatives are known to have assured moral/ financial support to pro-Khalistan elements for anti-India activities. The Government of India has adopted an integrated approach to counter the attempts to revive militancy which, inter-alia include sustained vigilance along the borders, strengthening of mechanisms for intelligence gathering and sharing. A close watch is maintained on the activities of various groups known to have been engaged in trying to foment terrorist activities.
- (c) & (d): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been Investigating into the funding of the Babbar Khalsa International. The NIA has registered a case No.RC-05/2012/NIA/DLI against Punjab based operatives of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) based on the allegation that they are receiving funds from UK based BKI operatives to commit terrorist acts in India with active material and logistics support from Pakistan based BKI leaders.