

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORIST SLEEPER CELLS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of sleeper cells of various terrorist groups active in the country and scouting for recruits with background in biological and bio-technological fields;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of the measures being taken by the Government to neutralise the terrorist threat to the country from such sleeper cells;
- (d) whether there are reports of involvement of neighbouring foreign countries in the terrorist activities in the country;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has raised the matter of terrorism at the multilateral and bilateral levels; and
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) As per available intelligence inputs, Government do not have any such report regarding sleeper cells of various terrorist groups being active in the country and scouting for recruits with background in biological and bio-technology fields.

(d) reports received from the intelligence agencies suggest the involvement of neighbouring foreign countries in the terrorist activities in the country. The Indian hinterland continues to remain the prime focus of Pakistan based terrorist outfits, particularly the LeT and IM. These Pak based terrorist organizations are setting up their terrorist infrastructure in Bangladesh and using the porous Bangladesh-India border to send arms and ammunitions into Indian territory. Besides, India-Nepal borders are also being used for infiltration/exfiltration of manpower, arms and ammunitions into India.

(e)&(f) Concerted efforts are being made by India for tackling terrorism by raising the issue in various international fora through bilateral and multilateral dialogues. India has Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism with 25 countries and with EU and BIMSTEC for coordinating counter terrorism efforts and enhancing cooperation. Further, Government of India has been consistently raising the issues of terrorism any multilateral international fora also. These fora are utilized to make efforts for intensifying cooperation in the field of financing of terrorism, counterfeit currency, capacity building, sharing of information and its analysis and exchange of best practices including mutual legal assistance and extradition agreements.