

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:372

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SEPARATISM IN THE NORTH EAST

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the recent developments indicate the growing separatist activities in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.372 FOR 15-12-2009 REGARDING "SEPARATISM IN THE NORTH EAST"

(a) & (b): Recent developments do not indicate that there is growing separatist activities in the North East. While some of the insurgent groups such as United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) (anti talks faction) in Assam, Meitei insurgent groups of Manipur such as Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF), United National Liberation Front (UNLF), People Liberation Army (PLA), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), Kanglei Yawol Kanna (KYKL) and Peoples United Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK); Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) of Meghalaya; and National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura and Tiger Force (ATTF) of Tripura, continue to indulge in violent activities for sovereignty, most of the other groups are ostensibly demanding greater autonomy or formation of new states/autonomous hill councils.

(c): Central Government has deployed Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities for carrying out counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations; share intelligence on continuous basis; gives financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; and provides assistance for strengthening various aspects of the security apparatus and counter- insurgency operations, by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure (SRE). The SRE scheme is being implemented in all States of the region except Mizoram and Sikkim. Central Government is also assisting the States for raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions.