

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of involvement of foreigners and Indians in espionage activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of arrests made including Indian and foreigners in this regard during the last three years and the current year, country-wise and statewise;
- (c) whether any involvement of persons holding constitutional posts in the country have also been reported;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken to curb espionage in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): Madam, It has come to the notice that Pakistan intelligence agencies, particularly the ISI, are involved for abetting espionage activities in the country. During the period from year 2011 to year 2014, a total number of 33 (2011-11, 2012-07, 2013-06, 2014-09) Pakistan backed espionage modules were neutralized in the country, resulting in the arrest of 50 espionage agents including one Pak Resident Agent and some retired Indian Government officials.

The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multi pronged approach to tackle such activities which include strengthening vigilance on the borders to check infiltration and illegal cross border activities, close interaction and coordination between different intelligence agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, modernization, strengthening and upgradation of State intelligence and security forces.