

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MADRASSAS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that the Madrassas in West Bengal are preaching religious extremism and helping the terrorist organisations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): There are no such reports about Madrassas in general. However, during investigations into the Burdwan blast case, it has been disclosed that in three Madrassas controlled by illegal Bangladeshi migrants, religious extremism and indoctrination was being preached.

The Government has put in place the necessary mechanism to closely monitor the situation and has directed the intelligence and security agencies to identify such institutions, especially along the international borders and keep a watch on their activities.