GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding those regions of the country where youths are more vulnerable to join terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to protect vulnerable youth and rehabilitate those who have been arrested for such activities;

(c) whether there are also reports that terrorist orga- nisations are trying to lure the youths who have become homeless/unemployed due to the recent natural calamities in the border areas of the country; and

(d) 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 (d): The Government agencies closely monitor certain vulnerable areas for possible anti-national activities including terrorist activities. In general, unemployed youth are more vulnerable to propaganda by terrorist outfit. There are intelligence inputs that a few Indian youth have left the country to join the ISIS. Their numbers, however, are miniscule.

The Government is committed to take proactive measures to ensure that misguided youth of the country resorting to terrorism/extremism or any other anti-national activity, are brought back to the mainstream and contribute to the process of nation building. The Government has also been taking conscious steps to roll out skill development schemes for the youths in certain specific regions of the country. The schemes of HIMMAYAT and UDAAN being carried out in Jammu & Kashmir to generate employment for skilled and unskilled youth, are such schemes in this direction. Besides, a scheme for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of militants exists in the North Eastern and LWE affected States of the country to faci- litate the return of the misguided youth to the mainstream. Further, various other developmental schemes for employment generation in specifically affected areas are being taken up by the Government from time to time.