

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2564**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09TH JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 18, 1941 (SAKA)

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST TERRORISM

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SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ensure strict adherence to the Zero Tolerance Policy against terrorism for internal and external security of the country;

(b) if so, the new strategy prepared so far in this regard along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to give 'free hand' to security forces to tackle terrorists;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the intention of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): The Government has adopted zero tolerance policy to tackle terrorism. The Security Forces have been given 'free hand' to tackle terrorism. National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been established for investigation of terrorism related cases. Close and effective coordination mechanism exists between intelligence and security agencies at the

Centre and the State level. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with the central / state Agencies concerned. States have raised Special Forces to deal with terror incidents and Central Armed Police Forces & National Security Guards have also been stationed at different locations to assist the States in dealing with such incidents. The Central Agencies have been organising capacity building programmes for the States forces regarding intelligence sharing and investigation of terror cases.

Terrorist activities have reduced significantly in the Hinterland of the country. Insurgent / Extremist incidents have also reduced significantly in North Eastern States and in the Left Wing Extremism affected areas. In Jammu & Kashmir, security forces are proactively engaging with terrorists, resulting in neutralization of large number of terrorists.
