

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1886

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03rd AUGUST, 2016/ SRAVANA 12, 1938 SAKA)

STEPS TAKEN TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY

1886. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) keeping in view the recent incidents of terrorists and other activities that have taken place in some foreign countries, what are the appropriate steps taken by Government to maintain internal and external security of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): In order to counter terror activities, there exists a close and effective coordination between intelligence and security agencies at the Centre and the States level, which has resulted in the busting of many terror modules in the country.

The Islamic State (IS)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/ Daesh has been notified as a Terrorist Organization and included in the First Schedule of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by the Central Government.

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The ISIS is using various platforms to propagate its ideology. The Intelligence and Security agencies maintain a close watch to identify potential recruits and take further action, if necessary.

The Government of India has taken various other measures which, inter-alia, include the following:

- Augmenting the strength of Central Armed Police Forces;
- Establishment of NSG hubs at Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai;
- Empowerment of DG, NSG to requisition aircraft for movement of NSG personnel in the event of any emergency;
- Tighter immigration control;
- Effective border management through round the clock surveillance & patrolling on the borders;
- Establishment of observation posts, border fencing, flood lighting, deployment of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment;
- Upgradation of Intelligence setup;
- Strengthening the coastal security.
- Amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 in 2008 and 2012 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism.

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- The creation of the National Investigation Agency under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts specified in its Schedule.
- Establishment of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) with an intention to link data bases for collecting actionable intelligence to combat terrorism and internal security threats.
- Amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in 2009 to inter alia, include certain offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, as predicate offence.
- Raising of the issues of Cross-Border Terrorism in all its manifestations including its financing in various multi-lateral and bilateral fora as part of India's zero tolerance policy towards terrorism.

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