

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 884**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2018/ SHRAVANA 3, 1940 (SAKA)

RED CORNER NOTICE AGAINST ZAKIR NAIK

884. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the activities of Zakir Naik, the Islamic preacher, are considered anti-national which also creates enmity against Hindus in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Interpol has rejected our request for issue of Red Corner Notice against Zakir Naik on the ground that the local police had not filed any formal charges against the preacher, which was the basic requirement for seeking someone's extradition according to the Indian Government's own rules;

(c) what action Government has taken against the persons responsible for this half hearted approach; and

(d) what further legal action Government is considering for extradition of Zakir Naik?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a): Government of India vide a Notification S.O. 3460 (E) dated 17th November, 2016, declared Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as IRF and its members, particularly, the founder and President of the said Association, Dr. Zakir Naik, had been encouraging and aiding its followers

to promote or attempt to promote feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious communities and groups.

(b) & (c): A request for issuance of Red Corner Notice was sent to the INTERPOL on 19.05.2017. Clarifications sought by the INTERPOL on 10th August, 2017 and 06th October, 2017 were also provided. However, during 102nd session of the INTERPOL Commission from 24-27 December, 2017, the INTERPOL opined that at that stage of the proceedings, the issuance of Red Corner Notice for Zakir Abdul Karim Naik's arrest with a view to his extradition was pre-mature, since the charge sheet has not been filed till the sending of the original request for Red Corner Notice to INTERPOL. In view of the above INTERPOL opinion, a fresh warrant was issued by the Ld. Court against Zakir Abdul Karim Naik on 24th November, 2017 and a fresh request of Red Corner Notice was sent to the INTERPOL on 03.01.2018. No further communication has been received so far from the INTERPOL.

(d): The Provisional Arrest Request and Extradition request in respect of Zakir Abdul Karim Naik was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malaysia on 19th January, 2018.
