

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
TRANSMITTING OF SECRET INFORMATION TO PAKISTAN
TARACHAND BHAGORA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a spurt in the activities of transmitting secret information of military and strategic importance to Pakistan in various states;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents noticed during the last one year and till date; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.26 DATED 25.7.2000 REGARD TRANSMITTING OF SECRET INFORMATION TO PAKISTAN.

(a)&(b): Available information does not suggest any spurt in the activities of transmitting secret information of military and strategic importance to Pakistan in various States. However, in 1999, 11 cases of espionage were noticed of which 3 were in Delhi, 1 in Gujarat, 3 in UP, 2 in Maharashtra and 1 each in West Bengal and Bihar. In the current year so far, 8 cases of espionage have been reported in Punjab, Rajasthan and Delhi. As these cases are at various stages of investigation/trial, it is not desirable to disclose their details.

(c): Detailed instructions already exist for safeguarding of vital information against espionage. All concerned are sensitised from time to time regarding threats to internal security at the behest of anti-national elements especially Pak ISI.

The cases of espionage are dealt with sternly under provisions of relevant Laws.