

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:229
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003
ACTIVITIES OF LASHKAR-E-TOIBA
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) is responsible for 60 per cent of terrorist killings in India;
- (b) whether the Government have reports that Lashkar-e-Toiba has set up cells all over the world with ISI and Dawood's help;
- (c) whether reports have been received by Indian Government regarding the arrests of LeT operatives in different parts of the world;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the steps Indian Government has taken to meet effectively the increasing violence by the terrorists belonging to this organization?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.229 ANSWER ON 5TH AUGUST, 2003.

(a): As per available information, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed are in the forefront to carry out terrorist attacks in J&K and other parts of the country.

(b): No, Sir.

(c)&(d): Eleven LeT activists were indicted recently in the USA for conspiring against India. They were found to have established links with the Markaz-ud-Daawa-wal-Irshad (MDI) and its militant wing, LeT in Pakistan.

(e): In order to tackle the menace of terrorism, the Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening of the borders, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, monitoring of well coordinated intelligence based operations, modernization of State Police Forces and CPMFs and strengthening of international/ bilateral cooperation to counter cross border crime and terrorism. Besides, the Government has notified 32 organisations including LeT as terrorist organizations under the POTA 2002.