

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003
REVIVAL OF MILITANCY IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there are possibilities of reappearance of terrorist activities in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the assessment of the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the reappearance of terrorism in Punjab?

Answer

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

(a)&(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.233 FOR 5.8.2003 REGARDING RE OF MILITANCY IN PUNJAB

(a)&(b): The Government is aware of the attempts being made by Pak ISI to revive militancy in Punjab.

(c): The Government has adopted an integrated approach to counter attempts being made by the Pak ISI to revive militancy in Punjab. It, inter-alia, includes strengthening the border management, gearing up intelligence machinery, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced/sophisticated weapons and communication system, training etc., and neutralizing the plans of the militants by intelligence based operations etc. The Pro-Khalistan militant outfits namely, Babbar Khalsa International, International Sikh Youth Federation, Khalistan Commando Force and Khalistan Zindabad Force have been banned under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002.

The situation is being constantly monitored by the Central and State security agencies.