

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:317

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2004

ACTIVITIES OF ISI/AL-QAEDA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news regarding the links of ISI and Al-Qaeda with various terrorist outfits of North-East appearing in The Tribune dated the July 12, 2004;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the activities of ISI and Al-Qaeda in various parts of the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to bring a white paper on activities of ISI in the country;
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be finalised; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

HOME MINISTER (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government has no report regarding links of Al-Qaeda with Indian Insurgent Groups of North East India. However, available reports indicate that Pak ISI is providing assistance to some of the Indian Insurgent Groups.

(c): The Government has pursued a well-coordinated multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups/anti-national elements/ISI agents by well coordinated intelligence based operations. As a result of the coordinated action by the Central and State intelligence and security agencies, a number of Pak backed terrorist/espionage modules have been detected/neutralized in various parts of the country including in North East.

(d) to (f): Whilst ISI activities in the country are under watch keeping in view the overall national interest, it is felt that at this juncture, a White Paper on such activities cannot be made public.