

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:193

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KILLINGS IN ASSAM

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ULFA have increased their activities against Hindi speaking migrants living in various North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the number of such persons killed/injured in various incidents in the recent past, State-wise;
- (c) the details of compensation announced and paid to the victims of such incidents;
- (d) whether any Foreign agency has been found involved in helping ULFA for carrying out such activities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities of ULFA?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): During January 5-8, 2007 United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) killed 61 Hindi speaking persons, mostly seasonal labourers and petty vendors in Upper Assam.

During the current year so far 87 persons (including 5 security forces personnel) have lost their lives and 144 (including 5 security forces personnel) sustained injuries in 73 incidents of violence in Assam.

(c): State Government has sanctioned ex-gratia grant of Rs. 3 lakh each to the Next of Kin (NoK) of Hindi speaking people killed in ULFA violence. In addition, the Prime Minister has also sanctioned ex-gratia of Rs.2 lakh each to such persons. Compensation to injured persons has also been sanctioned.

(d) & (e): There are reports that ULFA is having links with a foreign agency. However, there is no report to suggest, involvement of any foreign agency in these killings.

(f): In order to check the violent activities of ULFA, additional Central Police Forces and Army have been deployed in the State of Assam for coordinated action against the outfit and other extremists groups. Government is also taking steps for enhancing the capabilities of State Police Forces, reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure incurred by the State Government.

The security situation in Assam is reviewed in the meetings of Unified Hqrs. chaired by the Chief Minister of Assam.