

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING CAMPS IN BHUTAN BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ULFA has started its training camp in Assam-Bhutan border area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that these terrorists can damage railway lines and oil pipelines; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government to check such activities of militants?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : According to reports, no permanent camps of Indian Insurgent Group including United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) exist on the Assam-Bhutan border area. However, the Government keeps close watch on the activities of militant outfits along the Indo-Bhutan border.

(c)&(d) : ULFA has been targeting railway lines and oil pipelines in Assam. Adequate security measures are taken by the State Government to thwart the threats posed by ULFA. Besides, Additional Central Police Forces and Army units have been deployed for coordinated action against ULFA and other extremists groups. Government is also helping the State Government in enhancing the capabilities of the State by modernization of State Police Forces and reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure. The security situation in Assam is also reviewed in the meetings of the Unified Hqrs chaired by the Chief Minister of Assam from time to time. Government of India is also monitoring the situation at periodic intervals.