GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4045

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 29, 1939 (SAKA)

YOUTH JOINING TERRORISM

4045. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM: SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of youths are showing inclination/joining various terrorist groups in the country including Lashkar-E-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed and IS/ISIS for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the manner in which suspected social media platforms run by IS sympathizers are identified and analyzed for potentially dangerous content;

(d) whether the Government is supporting community outreach programmes as a part of the strategy to deal with the threat of youth in India joining the Islamic State or other outfits; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other measures being taken to deter youths from being influenced by the ideology of the said outfits?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (e): Terrorist Organisations are using various methods, including the

use of internet based social media platforms, to propagate their ideology and

to influence the youth to join them. However, few individuals from India have

reportedly joined the terrorist outfits. The Central and State Law Enforcement

Agencies keep a close watch on the cyber space and suitable action is taken

on any reported violation of law. Various programmes are also being

undertaken to counter the influence of radical outfits.