GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 526

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH FEBRUARY, 2018/ MEGHA 17, 1939 (SAKA)

IS SLOGANS IN KASHMIR

526. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR: SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of pro IS slogans being raised in Srinagar for the first time in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is in the process of investigating the extent of influence of ISIS on Kashmir militancy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken note of the recruitment of Indian youths by ISIS;

(f) if so, the steps taken to identify the sources of recruitment; and

(g) whether the Government has set up any special cell to monitor online activity of these groups and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (g)As per the report some miscreants raised ISIS slogans after the killing of one terrorist in an encounter at Zakoora, Srinagar on 17.11.2017. Apart from this incident, there have not been any report of influence of ISIS in Valley. No suspect having links with ISIS has been reported in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. However, as per available information some individuals have gone to the IS held conflict area to join ISIS. The Government of India has declared IS/ISIL/ISIS/Daish as a terrorist organization under the Unlawful

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Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. With respect to the problem of youth joining ISIS, the Government is closely monitoring the situation and has directed the Intelligence and Security Agencies to identify all such elements and keep a watch on their activities. The cyber space is also being closely scanned in this regard. NIA and some State Security Agencies have already registered cases to investigate the alleged links of individuals with ISIS and have also arrested more than 100 ISIS supporters/ sympathizers in these cases.

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