GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 526

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JUNE, 2019/ ASHADHA 4, 1941 (SAKA)

THREAT OF ISLAMIC STATE

526. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued notice to the State Government of Kerala and the UT Administration of Lakshadweep regarding threat from Islamic State (IS) terrorists immediately after the attack in Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government intends to enhance the security of coastal areas in view of the Sri Lankan attack;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has any information regarding the number of Indians who joined IS; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (b): Intelligence inputs on terror threats are regularly shared with State Governments / Agencies concerned with advice to take appropriate measures and sensitize their field formations to prevent any untoward incident.
- (c) to (d): All Coastal States / UTs are advised regularly to enhance surveillance and patrolling along the coastline, in view of the threat perception.

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(e) to (f): : Some instances of individuals from different States having joined IS have come to the notice of Central and State Security Agencies. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the States Police have registered cases against IS members / sympathizers and have arrested 155 accused so far all over the country. The Islamic State (IS)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/ Daesh has been notified as a Terrorist Organization and included in the First Schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by the Central Government. IS is using various internet based social media platforms to propagate its ideology. Cyber space is being closely watched in this regard by the agencies concerned and action is taken as per law.