### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1443

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020/BHADRAPADA 29, 1942 (SAKA)

#### MONITORING FO TERROR OUTFITS

#### 1443. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

**SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:** 

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any increase in the presence of ISIS/Daesh, IS Khorasan, Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists in the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware of the United Nations report titled, 'The 26th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team concerning ISIS, Al-Qaeda and associated individuals and entities' stating that there are "significant numbers" of ISIS terrorists in Kerala and Karnataka;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken upon the acknowledgement of the report by the Government;
- (e) whether the Government has sought academic or strategic opinion on the matter with reference to the regional specific character of such increase reported by an international agency; and,
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): The Government is aware of the presence of the terrorist outfits in the country including ISIS/Daesh, IS Khorasan, Lashkar-e-Toiba etc. National Investigation Agency (NIA) has so far registered and investigated 34 cases related to presence of Islamic State (IS) and 20 cases related to presence of Lashkar-e-Toiba across the country and arrested 160 and 80 accused persons respectively.

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(c) to (f): Yes, Sir. However, the said report claiming presence of "significant numbers" of ISIS terrorists in Kerala and Karnataka, is factually not correct. The Government continuously takes necessary measures to put forth India's correct position through established mechanism in unequivocal and categorical terms at various international, multilateral and bilateral for a and also through diplomatic channels.

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