GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1523

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th DECEMBER, 2021/AGRAHAYANA 16,1943 (SAKA)

1523. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

FUNDING FOR TERRORISM

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the number of cases disclosed in funding for terrorism in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the domestic and international attachment of assets and penalties issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and charge sheets filed by various probe agencies during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to counter terrorist financing; and
- (d) the efforts of the Government to take membership of Financial Action Task Force?

ANSWER

(NIA):

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a): "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. State Police has the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes including funding for terrorism. However, the Central Government has also entrusted following cases of terror funding to the National Investigation Agency

SI. No.	Year	Number of cases
1.	2018	18
2.	2019	14
3.	2020	23
4.	Up to November 2021	09

- (b): Under provisions of the Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), the Enforcement Directorate is the Nodal Authority for investigation and prosecution of money laundering cases. The Enforcement Directorate has attached 250 (approx.) moveable and immoveable properties having book value of Rs. 881 Crore (approx.), which include properties worth Rs. 677.73 Crore (approx.) in India and Rs. 203.27 Crore (approx.) abroad. A total of 24 prosecution complaints (Charge-sheets) have been filed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.
- (c): The Government of India has constituted a separate Cell, i.e., Countering of Financing of Terrorism (CFT Cell) in the Ministry of Home Affairs for coordination on combating of terror funding. A Terror Funding and Fake Currency (TFFC) Cell has been constituted in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to conduct focused investigation into terror funding and fake currency cases. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, has been strengthened by criminalizing the production or smuggling or circulation of high quality

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counterfeit Indian currency as a terrorist act and enlarging the scope of proceeds of terrorism to include any property intended to be used for terrorism.

(d): India is already a member of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since June 25, 2010.
