

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1494

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD MAY, 2016/ VAISAKHA 13, 1938 (SAKA)

TERRORIST SLEEPING MODULES

1494. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the incidents of activation of terrorist groups (i.e. IS/AL-Qaeda) sleeping modules from several parts of the country including the western region of Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether terrorist groups are recruiting the unemployed and homeless people to establish their networks; and**
- (d) if so, the various measures taken by the Government to control and break the complex network of the activities of terrorist groups?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)**

(a) & (b): The Islamic State (IS)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) led by Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, which spilt from Al-Qaida in February, 2014 is using both positive and negative imagery to attract the youth at a global level, including India.

So far, NIA has arrested 25 persons. Besides, Maharashtra Police arrested 4 persons, Madhya Pradesh Police arrested 5 persons, Telangana Police arrested 6 persons, Tamil Nadu Police arrested 3 persons, Karnataka Police and Rajasthan Police arrested 01 persons each and Delhi Police arrested 4 persons (3 from Haridwar and 1 from Roorkee).

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(c) : During the investigation of the cases registered by NIA, it has been revealed that the ISIS/ISIL is using various internet based platforms for propaganda and to propagate its ideology for recruiting and motivating youth to join ISIS/ISIL.

(d) : The Intelligence and Security agencies monitor the cyber space closely to identify potential recruits and keep them under surveillance and take further action, if necessary. In order to assess the threat posed by ISIS/ISIL and to devise a national strategy to deal with it, meetings have been held by the Ministry of Home Affairs with all the Central agencies concerned and 12/13 State Governments on 01.08.2015 and 16.01.2016 respectively. The Government has also sensitised the States to counter the incipient threat posed by the ISIS.
