

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.373**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016/ASHADHA 28, 1938 (SAKA)**

**CRIMINALS OPERATING IN PUNJAB**

**373. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether gangs of criminals operating in Punjab's border areas may be affecting the country's national security;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;**

**(c) whether a communique has been sent to Punjab Police by the Indian Army; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the State Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

**(a) & (b): As per reports, criminal gangs operating in Punjab's border areas are not affecting the country's National security.**

**(c) & (d): A communication has been received by the Punjab Police from Indian Army regarding extortion of money from Military Engineering Services (MES) contractors. The accused have been arrested and a case has been registered by the Punjab Police. The following steps have been taken by the State Government to deal with the situation :**

- i) Special Task Force (STF) has been created by the Punjab Police which is being headed by an IGP rank officer.**
- ii) The activities of criminals lodged inside the jails who are indulging in crimes, are being monitored.**
- iii) The field police officers have been sensitized to deal with such crimes effectively.**
- iv) The special campaign has been lodged by Punjab Police to nab the absconding gangsters.**

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