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RAJYA SABHA

**Anti-National Activities along Indo-Nepal Border**

5528. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, of late there has been increased activity of anti-national elements on the Indo-Nepal Border stretching along the State of Bihar;

(b) whether the Central Government are aware that certain selective groups in North Bihar are being given special training and ideologically motivated by ISI elements for subversive activities;

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what preventive action is being taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government of Bihar has fully cooperated in action against these elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) It is a fact that anti-national elements have been using the porous Indo-Nepal border for subversive activities. Recent reports indicate that Pakistani commercial organisations, backed by the ISI, are trying to secure a foothold in Eastern Nepal, close to the Indo-Nepal border stretching along Bihar.

(c) and (d) Measures have been taken to enhance bilateral cooperation with Nepal in security matters. As a result, many terrorist conspiracies, sponsored by Pakistan, have been neutralised in recent years. Additional intelligence posts have been sanctioned for this border recently. Government of India is in regular touch with the State Governments bordering Nepal, including Bihar, for strengthening of policing/patrolling and for checking activities of ISI and other anti-national elements along the Indo-Nepal border.

**Talks with Nagas**

5529. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to end the insurgency in Nagaland, the outlawed NSCN (Khaplang) recently announced cease-fire with the Centre for the first time, just over a decade;