

perception and movement of ISI agents/activists. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities.

The Central Government also provides financial assistance to the State Governments for modernization of their Police forces in order to equip them to deal with terrorism and other security related problems more effectively. Steps taken in this regard has resulted in detection/neutralization of various Pak ISI backed modules.

Statement of Minister

3077. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press-statement of Minister of State Shri O. Rajagopal reported in Indian Express dated 24th October, 2001 that many top UDF leaders of Kerala are having links with ultras; and

(b) whether the allegation made in the statement have been verified; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Government has seen the news item.

(b) The contents of the Statement have been noted.

Foreign based NGOs in North-Eastern States

3078. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign based NGOs are working in North-Eastern States (State-wise list);

(b) the names of such Non-Government Organisations;

(c) whether they have taken any permission from Government of India;

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take against them; and

(e) how long they are working in the region?