

(c) and (d) The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged approach to address the naxal problem on political, security and development fronts in a coordinated manner. The Central Government has taken specific measures to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the naxal affected States on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

Infiltration of ISI agents

954. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been infiltrations of ISI agents on the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the number of such persons arrested in 2005-06 in various States including Maharashtra and U.P.; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop infiltration and activities of ISI agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per available information, during the period January 1, 2005 to July 20, 2006, 31 ISI backed espionage modules were neutralized in various parts of the country resulting in arrest of 56 espionage agents including 21 Pak resident agents, some of whom had infiltrated through the Indo-Pak Border.

(c) The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multipronged approach to tackle the activities of ISI by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of militants and ISI/anti national elements, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, action against the espionage elements under the Official Secrets Act etc.

Network of Al-Quaida

†955. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international terrorist outfit Al-Quaida has

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.