

ISI hands in terrorist activities in Assam

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides separatist organisations, ISI active in Bangladesh, was involved in the terrorist incidents which took place recently in North-Eastern States, particularly in Assam;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with Bangladesh Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to end terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government has no specific report so far to suggest direct involvement of Pak ISI in recent terrorist incidents that took place in the North Eastern States, although Pak ISI continues to support Indian Insurgent Groups in Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The Government has already taken up security related matters with the Government of Bangladesh. Both sides have agreed to work on security issues closely.

(d) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have correct kind of laws and modernize, strengthen the Police/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in the society.

Funds for rural development

*213 SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned a substantial amount for rural development;

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