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RAJYA SABHA

Natural Gas — Rs. 2.30/kwh.

Naphtha — Rs. 3.64/kwh.

ISI operation from Bangladesh and Myanmar

***216. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI has opened second front against India from Bangladesh and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Pakistan ISI has been using Bangladesh for providing material and logistic support to some of the North East insurgent groups. However, there are no reports to indicate ISI involvement in providing assistance to the North East insurgents based in Myanmar.

(c) The Government has already taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh.

Dialogue with extremists in North-East

***217. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any dialogue with extremists in the North-East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for the improvement of the situation there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government is willing to talk to any group that abjures the path of violence. Currently ceasefire/suspension of operations is on with various militant group as under:

Group/Faction	Date of Commencement	Upto	Area Covered
NSCN (IM)	01.08.1997	31.07.2005	Nagaland