

Pakistan helping Al-Qaeda to advance into India

2738.SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan's military and its intelligence outfit ISI are stage managing the latest al-Qaeda advance into India;
- (b) whether al-Qaeda leaders have made threatening jihadis attacks across India in their protected hideout in Pakistan;
- (c) if so, whether Government has lodged any complaint with the Pakistani Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the reaction thereto from the Pakistani side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Interrogation of arrested terrorists by the investigation agencies has disclosed that Pakistan Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) is promoting terror activities in India by providing shelter, patronage and funding to terrorists of all hues.

(b) A video was uploaded on 3rd September, 2014 containing the speech of Sheik Eyam Al-Zawahiri of Al-Qaeda, in which he announced the establishment of a new Wing of Al-Qaeda, namely "Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS)". It is learnt that Asim Umar and Usama Mehmood have been appointed as the 'Amir' and 'Spokesperson' respectively of AQIS.

(c) and (d) The Government has raised the issue of Pakistan's support to various terror outfits in many fora like Home/Interior Minister/Secretary level talks, Foreign Secretary level talks, etc. and handed over relevant material/dossiers to the Pakistan Authorities. At the same time, the Government takes all necessary measures to foil the nefarious activities of Pak-based/supported terror outfits in India.

Illegal detentions and arrest

2739.SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of illegal arrest and detentions made by police officers in the past five years;