

Suspects apprehended for having links with Islamic State

†*208. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suspects apprehended so far by the investigation agencies in the country for having links with the Islamic State;

(b) whether it is a fact that fanatics in Kashmir frequently raise Pro-Islamic State slogans;

(c) whether it is also a fact that educated youth are adopting the ideology of Islamic State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the State Police in some States have registered cases and arrested some active cadres affiliated to the ISIS recently. So far, NIA has arrested 24 accused (Jammu and Kashmir-01, Karnataka-07, Madhya Pradesh-01, Maharashtra-07, Tamil Nadu-01, Telangana-04 and Uttar Pradesh-03) in the cases being investigated by the agency.

(b) A few incidents of unfurling of flags of ISIS by some misguided youth were noticed on different occasions in Jammu and Kashmir and some other States in the recent past. 'Police' and 'Public Order', being State subjects, the State Governments concerned, are empowered to take appropriate action against such elements as per relevant provisions of Law.

(c) and (d) The ISIS uses both positive and negative imagery to attract recruits from across the world. The outfit is using various internet based platforms for propaganda and to propagate its ideology. However, it has influenced/attracted very few youth from India. The Intelligence and Security Agencies monitor the cyber space closely to identify potential recruits and keep them under surveillance and take further action, if necessary.

Increase in terrorist attacks along Jammu and Kashmir border

*209. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of terrorist attacks along the Jammu and Kashmir border has increased in the past two years;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of such attacks in the past three years; and

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