

Increasing activities of ISIS in the country

†*11. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the activities of foreign terrorist outfit, ISIS has increased in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the strategy Government has made to deal with it; and

(c) if no strategy has been made the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The Islamic State (IS)/Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/Daesh has been notified as a Terrorist Organization and included in the First Schedule of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by the Central Government. The outfit uses both positive and negative imagery to attract recruits from across the world. However, it has influenced/attracted very few youth from India. In this regard, the National Investigation Agency and the State Police of a few States have registered cases and arrested some active members. The Government is closely monitoring the situation. Intelligence and Security Agencies are directed to identify potential recruits and keeping them under surveillance, if necessary. The Cyber Space is being closely monitored.

Meetings have been held with all the Central agencies concerned and the State Governments on 01.08.2015 and 16.01.2016 respectively to assess the threat posed by ISIS/ISIL and to devise a strategy to deal with it.

New policy for auction of small and marginal oil fields

*12. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced a new policy for the auction of 69 small and marginal oil fields to private and foreign companies that could unlock hydrocarbon reserves worth around ₹ 70,000 crores, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has made a paradigm shift from the recovery model to revenue sharing; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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