

Mr. Lalit Modi is yet to be received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the concerned law enforcement agencies in India. The Ministry would take appropriate steps once the request is received.

Extradition of accused in Augusta Westland helicopter scam

489. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approached Government of United Kingdom for extradition of British National Christian Michel, key accused in Augusta Westland Helicopter scam to India;

(b) if so, details and results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) Yes, Government of India has approached the Government of the United Kingdom for extradition of Mr. Christian Michel to India in connection with the Augusta Westland Helicopter scam.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the concerned authorities of the United Kingdom.

(c) Not applicable.

Approaches towards ISIS

490. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approach of Government towards ISIS;

(b) what is its assessment of the origin of ISIS and its armed attacks on Syria and neighbouring countries;

(c) whether it approves unilateral armed attack by USA and its allies as also Russia against ISIS; and

(d) why does not India campaign that such intervention in other countries can be made only on the basis of UN decision and forces under UN auspices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) India believes that the solution to the ISIS threat in Syria can only be through a larger and collective political engagement for facilitating a comprehensive rather than fragmented approach to the issue.