

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 07.03.2001
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE STRIKES IN INDIAN CITIES .

1204

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS, HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Masood outfit threatens suicide strikes in Indian cities' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 31st December, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether Government have any information in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the remedial steps taken to check such strikes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(CH. VIDHYASAGAR RAO)

(a) and (b): Government has seen the news report. Although there are no specific inputs to corroborate the contents of the news item, there are reports that militant outfits including 'Jaish-e-Mohammadi', a terrorist outfit floated by Masood Azhar, have been making concerted efforts to raise suicide squads for subversive activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country.

(c): From time to time, the Government has been sensitizing the State Government about the threat perception with regard to activities of militant groups. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Assistance is also provided to States by way of deployment of para military forces and release of funds for modernizing the State police forces.