

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 01.03.2000**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**PAK SPONSORED SUICIDE SQUADS .**

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SHRI NANA DESHMUKH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled `Pak agencies sponsoring suicide squads` as appeared in the Times of India, dated 25th January, 2000;
- (b) whether a view was expressed by the Pakistani agencies that Islam was in danger in India and the squads had to fight `Jehad` and if necessary become martyrs for the cause ; and
- (c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check the menace of Fidayadeen groups (suicide squads) ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO )

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Pakistan intelligence agencies have been working in close concert with religious fundamentalist forces in Pakistan to deploy foreign mercenaries in the name of `Jehad` to abet militancy.
- (c) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by well coordinated operations, setting up of outposts of Security Forces on strategic areas gearing up the intelligence machinery modernisation and upgradation of Police and security Forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.