

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Revival of Khalistani elements

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government is aware about the news that efforts are being made to revive Khalistani elements with backing from ISI;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether there is a plan/conspiracy to fan communal disturbance and destabilise the State by foreign spy agency; and

(d) if so, efforts taken by Government to neutralize and to deal with radical forces out to destroy peace and harmony in the State, in nexus with criminal gangs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d): Inputs indicate that ISI operatives are making efforts towards moral/financial support to pro-Khalistan elements for anti-India activities as well as to revive militancy in Punjab. The Government of India has adopted an integrated approach to counter the attempts to revive militancy which, inter-alia, includes sustained vigilance along the borders, strengthening of mechanisms for Intelligence gathering and sharing. A close watch is maintained on the activities of various groups known to have been engaged in trying to foment terrorist activities. Necessary action is taken so as to maintain peace and harmony in the State.
