GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO 555 ANSWERED ON **20.12.2017**

Steps to prevent youths joining ISIS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 100 persons from Kerala may have joined Islamic State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that youths from other parts of the country have also joined the IS; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent youths joining ISIS? ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : As per available information, very few individuals have come to notice of the Central and State Security Agencies who have joined ISIS. However, National Investigation Agency (NIA) and State Security Agencies registered cases against ISIS cadres/ sympathizers and arrested 103 accused in these cases (Uttar Pradesh-17, Maharashtra-16, Telengana-16, Kerala-14, Karnataka-08, Madhya Pradesh-06, Tamil Nadu-05, West Bengal-05, Uttrakhand-04, Rajasthan-04, Gujarat-04, Bihar-02, Delhi-01, Jammu & Kashmir-01).

(d): The Islamic State (IS)/ Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL)/ Islamic State $\ldots 2/$

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of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/ Daesh has been notified as a Terrorist Organization and included in the First Schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by the Central Government. ISIS is using various internet based social media platforms to propagate its ideology. The Central and State Agencies are monitoring the cyber space and taking action as per law wherever required. In order to assess and counter the incipient threat posed by ISIS/ISIL, meetings have been held by the Ministry of Home Affairs with the Central agencies and the State Governments concerned.