

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1405**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 2019/ MAGHA 23, 1940 (SAKA)

KHALISTAN MOVEMENT

1405. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Khalistani Movement is gaining momentum again in Punjab during the last two to three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the murders that occurred in Punjab were part of Khalistani plot;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): The question does not arise.

(c) & (d): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered five cases related to murder and two cases related to attempt to murder in Punjab during 2016-17, the objective of which was to destabilize the law and order situation in Punjab and to revive Khalistan linked terrorism in the State.

(e): In order to avert terror incidents in the country, there is a close and effective coordination mechanism between intelligence and security agencies at the Centre and the State level. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with other Intelligence Agencies and State Governments. With a view to enhance the capacity of State forces, the Central Agencies have been organising training programmes for the States forces to collect, collate, analyse and disseminate intelligence from counter terrorism perspective and investigation of terror cases. States have also raised special forces to deal with terror incidents and Central Armed Police Forces and National Security Guards have also been stationed at different locations to assist the States in dealing with such incidents.
