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SAFETY OF TOURISTS IN J AND K .

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

- (a) whether the number of incidents of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir region has decreased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the percentage of decrease thereof;
- (c) whether the number of tourists have increased in Kashmir during the last two years;
- (d) whether Kashmir travel is safe for tourists;
- (e) the measures adopted by Government for the safety of tourists visiting Kashmir;
- (f) whether the safety measures adopted by Government has proved to be effective; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)& (b): Yes Sir, As per the report of the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, there was a 34.49% reduction in terrorism related incidents in the State in the year 2007 over 2006, 35.16% reduction in 2008 over 2007 and 30% reduction in 2009 over 2008. However, during 2010 the number of incidents of terrorism increased from 28 in Jan., 2010 to 37 in Feb., 2010 & 62 in March, 2010.

(c): As per the available report there were, 4.66 lakh tourist in 2008 and 4.75 lakh in 2009 who visited the State. Till 31 March, 2010, 66135 tourists have visited Kashmir Valley against 44301 tourists upto the same period.

(d) to (g) : The State Govt. and Security Forces, in an endeavor to make the security environment progressively safer for tourists, have taken the following steps :

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srinagar/Jammu and other tourist places exists, which looks after and protects the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in cases of cheating and harassment.

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around the tourist spots and also roads leading to such places.

(iii) Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being undertaken in and around tourist places and roads leading there.