

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2469**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE AUGUST 8TH, 2018/SHRAVANA 17, 1940 (SAKA)

SCHOLARS JOINING MILITANCY IN J & K

2469. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has any report that in Jammu and Kashmir itself from year, 2014 till April, 2018, over 500 scholars have joined militancy;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government has failed to check this trend during last four years and youths are joining militancy from all districts of the State and their numbers are rising therefor; and

(c) the reasons behind this trend and action taken by Government so that they return to mainstream?

ANSWER

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

(a): No sir.

(b) & (c): As per report, some misguided youths have joined militancy and most of them belong to the four districts of South Kashmir. Militants have been resorting to glamorization of militancy to recruit misguided youths in their outfits.

The Government regularly reviews the security situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. In order to prevent activities of militants, numerous steps have been taken including strengthening of operational grid with enhanced human intelligence and use of technical intelligence grid. The Government has also continuously encouraged policies to mainstream the youth, including providing employment opportunities to wean them away from militancy. Surveillance on social media has been enhanced.
