

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1024.**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2018/AGRAHAYANA 28, 1940 (SAKA)

STEPS TO WEAN AWAY YOUTHS FROM MILITANCY IN J&K

1024. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly educated young men including post graduates have started picking up guns in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is the number of such people identified by Government; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to wean them away from militancy and with what result?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per reports, 26 misguided youths (graduate or above) have joined militancy during the year 2018.

(c): The Government has continuously encouraged policies to mainstream the youth, including providing employment opportunities to wean them away from militancy. Various sports tournaments and cultural programmes are organized at District as well as State level to win the confidence of the people of the State, especially the younger generation. Youth clubs have also been opened to keep the youth engaged. Rs. 80,068 crore has been announced under the PM Development Package, 2015. Besides, the following schemes have also been undertaken: -

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- **Special Industry Initiative (SII) –Udaan to enhance skill and employability of Graduates and three-year Engineering Diploma holders and offer of jobs in the Private Sector.**
- **Skill Development & Employment Scheme (Himayat) – to provide options and opportunities to School/ college dropouts for salaried jobs in the private sector or self-employment.**
- **Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS)- to provide financial assistance to students having passed Class 12th or equivalent exams for studying in colleges and institutions outside J&K.**
