

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022/ AGRAHAYANA 16, 1944  
(SAKA)**

**SECURITY OF KASHMIRI PANDITS IN VALLEY**

**61. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:**

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

**(a) whether Government has failed to provide security to minorities, especially Kashmiri Pandits, in Kashmir valley;**

**(b) if so, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) the number of minorities including Kashmiri Pandits killed in Jammu and Kashmir, since January, 2022, till date, month-wise;**

**(d) whether Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti has called for mass exodus from valley due to inability of the Central Government to provide them security; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof and number of minorities who have left Kashmir valley during the last and current year till date, district-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) to (e): The Government has a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and the security situation has improved significantly in Jammu and Kashmir. There has been substantial decline in terrorist attacks from 417 in 2018 to 229 in 2021. 14 persons belonging to minorities including 3 Kashmiri Pandits have been killed in Union Territory of Jammu and**

**Kashmir since January, 2022 till 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. There were certain media reports of Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti highlighting their security concerns. Various measures have been taken by the Government to protect the lives of minorities which include: -**

- (i) Group security in the form of static guards;**
- (ii) Day and night area domination;**
- (iii) Round the clock Nakas at strategic points;**
- (iv) Patrolling and speculative Cordon and Search Operations (CASOs);**
- (v) Security arrangements through appropriate deployment. Inter-alia a robust security and intelligence grid is in place in Jammu and Kashmir to thwart any attempt at the hands of the terrorists.**

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