GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *275

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2017 / PHALGUNA 30, 1938 (SAKA)

INCREASE IN YOUTH JOINING MILITANCY

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether separatist tendency and militancy remain the biggest challenge given the recent rise in local recruits in militant ranks as well as surge in infiltration attempts in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether it is true that after successive summer protests from 2006 to 2010, the number of youth joining militancy has spiked abruptly and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State police has also started contacting family members of local militants, urging them to impress upon their children to surrender and rejoin the mainstream;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response received thereon; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to check separatism, alienation of youth and inclination of youth towards militancy along with the incentives provided to bring such youth back into the mainstream of the society?

ANSWER

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

(a)to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *275 FOR 21.03.2017

(a) & (b): The State of Jammu & Kashmir has been affected by terrorist violence that is sponsored and supported from across the border. The levels of terrorist violence in the hinterland of J&K are linked to the infiltration from across the border. The activities of separatist and militant outfits also remain a challenge in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. As per the reports of the State Government, the estimated number of youth joining militancy since 2010 to 2016 is as under:

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
No. of youth	54	23	21	16	53	66	88
joined							
militancy							

The estimated details of infiltration from 2010 to 2016 is as under:-

Year	Attempted	Killed	Returned	Apprehended/	Estimated Net
				Surrendered	Infiltration
2010	489	112	281	1	95
2011	247	35	159	1	52
2012	264	13	130	0	121
2013	277	38	142	0	97
2014	222	52	105	0	65
2015	121	46	41	1	33
2016	371	35	217	3	119

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- (c) & (d): Jammu and Kashmir Police has organized Police-Public meetings. Further, Police has taken a number of initiatives for promoting youth engagement, which include organizing sports tournaments, cultural events, etc.
- (e): Under the Surrender Policy notified by the State Government, since 31.01.2004 till date, 219 surrendered militants have been benefited under the scheme. Moreover, State Government is also organizing sports events and creating employment avenues including in their Civil and Police Departments. Initiatives like UDAAN, HIMAYAT, etc. have also been taken to explore avenues of employment in private sector for youths.
