GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *137

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2017 / SHRAVANA 3, 1939 (SAKA)

THREAT FROM HIZB MILITANT GROUP

*137. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the claim by Hizb militant group that they have the ability to hit targets anywhere in India at any time as reported in the media recently has come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) whether it is true that the Hizb militant group has launched many operations against the security forces in Kashmir and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this militant group has purchased sufficient weapons and ammunition from the international market to fight against India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to deal with such threats?

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 IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *137 FOR 25TH JULY, 2017.

- (a): Syed Salahuddin, Supreme Commander of the terrorist group Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), is reported to have made such a claim in the media.
- (b): HM has claimed responsibility for some of the terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir.
- (c) & (d): As per available information, some of the weapons and other items recovered from the encounter sites have the markings of the foreign countries. Also, the militant group has been getting logistic support, including arms & ammunition from Pakistan.
- (e): The Security Agencies of Central and State Governments have taken note of the threat posed by HM and other terror outfits and are fully prepared to meet the challenge. In the year 2017 (up to 16.07.2017), 104 terrorists have been killed in Jammu & Kashmir as a result of coordinated action between the Security Agencies.
