

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*513**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD APRIL, 2018 /CHAITRA 13, 1940 (SAKA)

ENCOURAGING YOUTH/STUDENTS TO ESCHEW TERRORISM

**†*513. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
 SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities have increased in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) after the surgical strike and if so, the details thereof along with the number of civilians and security personnel killed in J&K after the surgical strike;

(b) whether more local people are providing support to terrorists or are taking to militancy in the Kashmir Valley in recent times, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the once zero militancy districts, such as Srinagar and Ganderbal are home to ultras now and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the increasing street fights have helped militants recruit more youth since last year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to organise campaign to encourage the youth/students to eschew terrorism and bring the terrorist supporters and misguided youth into the mainstream and restore normalcy in J&K?

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. *513 FOR 03.04.2018 REGARDING ENCOURAGING YOUTH/STUDENTS TO ESCHEW TERRORISM

(a) to (e): No Madam. 188 terrorist incidents were reported during six months period before the surgical strike (29.9.2016). 56 security personnel and 10 civilians lost their lives in these incidents. On the other hand, 155 terrorist incidents have been reported during six months period post the surgical strike. 29 security personnel and 10 civilians have lost their lives in these incidents.

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 various districts of the Valley are linked to the infiltration from across the border. 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.
