TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

DIALOGUE WITH SEPARATISTS

2927.   SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
          PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed interlocutors for dialogue with separatists in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Kashmiris thereto;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any framework for talks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken to resolve the Kashmir issue and bring peace in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government of India has appointed Shri Dineshwar Sharma, former Director of Intelligence Bureau, as its Representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individual in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The response from people of J&K has been very positive. A large number of delegations and individuals representing various sections of society and particularly youth have already interacted with Government of India representative.

(e):   Government of India is committed to bring peace in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and ready to hold dialogue with all the sections of society who shun the path of violence within the framework of Constitution of India.

The Government regularly reviews the security situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and necessary directions are given from time to time. 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. Rs. 80,068 crore has been announced under the PM Development Package, 2015

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