GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 581

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH FEBRUARY, 2018/ MEGHA 17, 1939 (SAKA) ENCOUNTER BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND TERRORISTS 581. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of encounters between terrorists and security forces have increased in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the number of terrorists arrested and killed and the number of security personnel killed during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

 ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) 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 details of terrorist violence incidents including number of encounters, the number of terrorists arrested and killed and the number of Security Force Personnel killed in terrorists violence incidents reported in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two years and current year is as under: -

SI. No	Incidents	2016	2017	2017 (upto 31.01.2018)	2018 (upto 31.01.2018)
1.	Number of terrorists violence incidents	322	342	21	28
2.	Number of encounters	101	133	9	8
3.	Terrorists/suspects arrested	79	97	3	8
4.	Terrorists Killed	150	213	13	8
5.	Security Force Personnel killed	82	80	0	4

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In the year 2016, a terror attack took place on 2nd January, 2016 on Air Force base at Pathankot in Punjab by the militants coming from Pakistan in which 7 Security Force Personnel and 1 civilian were killed. All the militants were neutralized by the Security Forces.

(d) 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.
