GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4390

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH JANUARY, 2019 / PAUSHA 18, 1940 (SAKA)

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY TERRRORISTS

4390. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the militants in Jammu and Kashmir are using WhatsApp and Facebook for terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the WhatsApp and Facebook Authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which action will be taken in this regard to tackle terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Yes Madam, Government is aware about the misuse of the social media by terrorists. Police and public order being State subjects as per the Constitution, States take necessary measures for prevention, detection and investigation of such crimes through their law enforcement machinery.

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