GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1779

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 11, 1941 (SAKA)

INVESTIGATION INTO PULWAMA TERROR ATTACK

1779. SHRI MANISH TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress made so far with regard to the investigations into the Pulwama Terror attack that occurred on 14th of February, 2019;
- (b) the number of accused identified and arrested in this regard;
- (c) whether one of the terrorists responsible for the Pulwama terror attack was killed in an encounter with the security forces as reported by a section of the press on 11th of March '2019';
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the CRPF has constituted a Court/Board of Inquiry to go into the security lapses that resulted in the deaths of 40 CRPF personnel and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether any CRPF officer/officers have been held responsible for the security lapses and if so, the details of action taken against such officers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Investigations by NIA have revealed linkage of the terrorist module of the proscribed terrorist organization Jaish-e-Mohammed, which was responsible for planning and execution of this attack.

- (b): Out of five accused, one was a suicide bomber. One accused was arrested, while two others have been neutralized during pro-active engagement by the security forces.
- (c) & (d): One of the accused Mudasir Ahmad Khan @ Mohammed Bhai, was neutralized during pro-active engagement by the security forces.
- (e) & (f): Court of Inquiry is ordered in such cases to look into various aspects. Accordingly, a Court of Inquiry has been ordered by CRPF.
