GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4913

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23rd JULY, 2019/ SHRAVANA 01, 1941 (SAKA)

THREAT OF ATTACK ON AMARNATH PILGRIMS

4913. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of security arrangements made for Amarnath Yatra by the Central and State Governments;

(b) whether there are intelligence inputs suggesting threats of terrorist attacks on Amarnath pilgrims;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether incidents of stone pelting on the vehicles of pilgrims going to the holy shrine of Amarnath have come to the notice of the Government at present;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the further steps being taken by the Government to make the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Amarnath safe?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): The State Government has made adequate arrangements for safety

and security of the pilgrims along the Yatra routes. These include deployment of

local police 24x7 Nakas, Night Area Domination, use of technical gadgets like

CCTVs, RFID tagging, deployment of mountain rescue teams and SDRF teams on

strategic locations.

All agencies are working in a coordinated manner and the intelligence inputs are shared among various agencies on real time basis. As per reports available, there is no instance of stone pelting on Amarnath Yatris.

In addition to the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) Coys and NDRF teams provided by the Government, various steps such as QR-Coding/ Bar-coding of Yatra Permit Forms at Access Control Gates and selective camps to track the movement of Yatris in the Yatra area, necessary arrangements for water supply, food grains, langar facilities at various places in the Yatra area have also been introduced by the State Government.

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