GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2458

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2019/ AGRAHAYANA 12, 1941 (SAKA)

TERRORIST INFILTRATION IN KASHMIR

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in infiltration of terrorists and terrorist attacks after removal of Article 370, in Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether threat of terrorist attacks still persists in the country including Kashmir despite removal of Article 370 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there are possibilities of terrorists hiding in Kashmir;
- (e) whether the Government has launched intensive search operation in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Jammu and Kashmir is affected by terrorism sponsored and supported from across the border for the last three decades. The Government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. Security Forces are taking effective and continuous action in countering terrorism as a result of which a large number of terrorists have been neutralized in Jammu and Kashmir in recent past.

The incidents of terrorist violence have declined after 5th August 2019. During

the 115 day period from 5th August 2019 till 27th November 2019, there have been 88 such incidents as compared to 106 such incidents from 12th April 2019 till 4th August 2019.

On the other hand there has been increase in the number of infiltration attempts from across the border. During the 88 day period from 5thAugust 2019 till 31st October 2019 there have been 84 such attempts as against 53 such attempts from 9th May 2019 till 4th August 2019. Correspondingly, estimated net infiltration has increased from 32 to 59 during the above period.

(c) to (f): Security agencies continue to receive inputs about the intention of terror outfits that are supported and sponsored from across the border, to indulge in terror attacks and breach of security in Jammu and Kashmir. Based on these inputs and past history of cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, all necessary precautions and preventive steps including Cordon and Search Operations (CASO) are undertaken by the security forces in a proactive manner to flush out terrorists and 157 terrorists have been neutralized during the year 2019 so far. Moreover, security grid has mounted concerted efforts for launching operations against the residual terrorists.
