GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1565

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020/ BHADRAPADA 29, 1942 (SAKA)

PEOPLE UNDER HOUSE ARRESTS IN J&K

1565. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of people placed under house arrests in Jammu and Kashmir and the people who face restrictions on their movements for reasons not related to public health guidelines;
- (b) whether the Government has an intended timeline for the release of such persons;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the justifications therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that certain members of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were prevented by the police from leaving their residence to attend a party meeting on August 5, 2020; and
- (f) if so, the details of the order that bars the movement of these members?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported that in view of the constitutional changes effected by the Parliament with regards to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir in August, 2019,

various measures were taken to maintain public order which included preventive detention of certain persons.

Based on inputs received from the law enforcement agencies, in view of the prevailing security situation, the movement of security protectees also gets restricted to ensure their safety and security.

At present, there are no restrictions on movement but for the security advisories to maintain the law and order situation and no person is under House arrest in Jammu and Kashmir for reasons not related to public health guidelines.

(e) & (f): There are no restrictions on movement of any individual, including the protectees of the Peoples Democratic Party. Considering the law and order and security situation of a particular area, it is imperative that prior intimation is given by the protected persons regarding their movements etc.
