

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2745**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 23, 1943 (SAKA)
DEVELOPMENT IN J&K**

2745. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new chapter of safety, peace and development has begun after repealing Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the elections of Block Development Councils (BDC) and District Development Council (DDC) in Kashmir have been conducted peacefully after repealing Article 370;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the public of J&K have fearlessly participated in the democratic process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) The security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved significantly since August 2019 and there has been a significant decline in terrorist incidents. Security grid has been further strengthened and infiltration of terrorists from across the border has also come down significantly. The details are as below:

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of terrorist incidents	417	255	244	206 (Up to 5thDec.)
Estimated net infiltration	143	138	51	28 (Up to 31stOct.)

The Government has taken several steps to boost development of Jammu & Kashmir. Some of these measures are: -

- i) The progress of projects being implemented in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir under the Prime Minister's Development Package-2015 has been accelerated. 53 projects pertaining to 15 Ministries are being implemented at a cost of Rs.58,477 crores in various sectors such as Roads, Power, Health, Education, Tourism, Agriculture, Skill Development etc., out of which 21 projects have been completed/substantially completed and the remaining 32 projects are at advanced stage of progress.**
- ii) A New Central Sector Scheme has been notified on 19/02/2021 for the Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, with an outlay of Rs. 28,400 crores, which is likely to provide employment to over 4.5 lakh people while boosting the industrial development of J&K.**
- iii) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has approved business revival package of Rs. 1,352.99 Crores on 25th September, 2020.**
- iv) Under languishing projects programme, 1192 projects worth Rs.1983.77 crores were completed, including 5 projects which were incomplete for more than 20 years, 15 projects for more than 15 years and 165 projects for more than 10 years.**
- v) J&K has been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under Swachh Bharat Mission.**

- vi) 100% saturation has been achieved in 17 Individual beneficiary centric schemes, including Saubhagya, Ujala, Ujjwala and Indradhanush schemes.**
- vii) During the year 2020-21, 1289 road construction works were completed at a cost of Rs.1638 crore. The construction work of 14500 km of road has been completed so far under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, which has connected about 2000 places.**
- viii) Work is under progress on one All India Institute of Medical Sciences each in Jammu and Kashmir Divisions at the cost of Rs. 2000 crores each besides 7 other medical colleges in the UT of J&K.**
- ix) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu have been made functional.**
- x) Power projects are being fast tracked and Generation capacity of 2500 MW is to be added by 2025.**
- xi) International flight from Srinagar to Sharjah has been started on 23.10.2021. In addition, night flights from Jammu and Srinagar have also been started.**
- xii) The scope of High Density Plantation Scheme for Apple has been expanded to include Mango, Litchi, Cherry, Walnut etc. Kashmiri Saffron has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.**

xiii) Under fast-track recruitment, 20323 posts are being filled by the Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board. 2119 selections for Gazetted posts have been made by the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission in various departments.

xiv) During the current financial year, 137870 persons have been covered under various self-employment schemes of different government departments.

(b) to (e) : The elections to the Block Development Councils (BDC) and District Development Councils (DDCs) in Kashmir were conducted peacefully and successfully in 2019 and 2020 respectively. There was an enthusiastic participation of the people, with a turnout of 98.29% in BDC elections and 51.42% in DDC elections.
