### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2388

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024/ SHRAVAN 15, 1946 (SAKA)

#### **TERRORIST ATTACKS ON PILGRIMS**

#### 2388 SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the number of terrorist attacks on pilgrims during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of casualties in terrorist attack on pilgrims during the said period; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the safety of pilgrims?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): The details of terrorist attacks on pilgrims during the last five years are as under:

Year	No. of Terrorist attacks	Details of the incident	No. of casualties
2019	0	-	0
2020	0	-	0
2021	0	-	0
2022	1	On 13.05.2022, a blast occurred in a passenger bus at Kadmal, Katra, Jammu and Kashmir.	5
2023	0	-	0
2024 (Upto 29.07.24)	1	On 09.06.2024, terrorists attacked/fired upon a bus carrying pilgrims at Kanda near Jhandi Morh, Pouni, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir.	9

To ensure safety and security of pilgrims, measures taken by the Government include issuance of Advisories from time to time, sharing of intelligence through institutional mechanism and providing Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) whenever requested by the concerned State/ Union Territory (UT). In particular, for safety and security of pilgrims in Jammu and Kashmir, the measures taken by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir include:

- 1) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been framed and implemented for safety/security of pilgrims.
- 2) Adequate security arrangement in coordination with all security agencies have been put in place for safety of Pilgrims.
- 3) CCTV cameras have been installed on Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY), 2024, routes, Camps, langer points for proper surveillance and monitoring.
- 4) Drone surveillance is put in place at sensitive locations.
- 5) Specialised quick action teams have been placed at appropriate and sensitive locations.
- 6) Corridor protection is provided by Army.
- 7) Senior level officers are deployed at Pahalgam/ Baltal to monitor the arrangements of SANJY, 2024.
- 8) Senior level officers are supervising the Yatra by taking periodical reviews of SANJY.

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