

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417  
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UNIFIED CROSS-BORDER COMMAND BY HURRIYAT  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has drawn to the Hurriyat Conference move to create a unified cross-border political command centred in Kashmir valley;
- (b) if so, whether the demand for such a political command has been pressed by Kashmiris;
- (c) if so, whether Hurriyat, Conference is planning for setting up of a global network of Kashmir Missions in Key capitals around the world;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRICH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (e): There are reports that Kashmiri expatriate community has been pressing Hurriyat Conference for setting up such a cross-border political command. The announcement by Hurriyat conference (APHC) regarding its intentions of setting up their parallel election commission to elect representatives who would participate in any negotiations on Kashmir, could be a step in the same direction. Former Chairman of Hurriyat Conference, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, had earlier on December 16th 2000 announced plans to open APHC offices in several foreign countries, but the same does not appear to have been followed up. The move of APHC has been criticised by the people, intelligentsia, political parties and media, and has reportedly been questioned even by some members of Hurriyat. The proposal has the portents of aborting the move even before its full conception, in view of the impracticality of implementation. The Government is however keeping a watch in the matter.