

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1390
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FOREIGN MILITANTS IN VALLEY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Foreign ultras flood valley' appearing in the Statesman dated June 6, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the Pakistan has sent foreign militants in the valley and cash awards have been announced if they kill the Army/police officers;
- (c) if so, the facts and details thereof ; and
- (d) the steps, Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Government has been receiving reports indicating that following the defeat of Taliban and other foreign terrorists who were in Afghanistan prior to November 2001, a substantial number of erstwhile Taliban and allied fundamentalist groups have crossed over to Pakistan and POK. These terrorists are likely to join terrorists outfits like Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Toiba, Al-Badr, Hizbul Mujahideen etc. for their eventual infiltration into Jammu & Kashmir and to escalate terrorist violence in the State of J&K and elsewhere. However the infiltration of a few Al Quida into the State of J&K cannot be completely ruled out.

(b) & (c): It is a known fact that terrorism in J&K is aided and abetted by Pak/Pak ISI.

(d): In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels and redeployment of troops at borders/LoC and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland the Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI in Jammu & Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management to check infiltration; pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional frame-work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters in the State and in Operation Groups at various levels.