

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:371
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MILITANT ATTACKS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the activities of militants in J&K after the formation of new Government in the State have increased;
- (b) if so, the details of the incidents occurred thereafter;
- (c) the number of civilian/security personnel killed/injured and loss of property suffered in the said incidents;
- (d) the number of times central teams that have visited the incident sites;
- (e) the findings of these teams; and
- (f) the steps taken by the State Government as well as by the Union Government to stop militant activities in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 371 DUE ANSWER ON 8.4.2003

(a) to (c): Terrorist groups and their mentors across the LoC/IB are continuing with cross border terrorism related activities. As reported by State Government of J&K during the first five months of new Government (Nov.`02 to 31 March`03), there has been only marginal decline in activities of terrorists in J&K as compared to the corresponding period in the year 2001-2002.

Details are indicated below:

S. No. Terrorist related violence Nov.` 01 to March` 02 Nov.` 02 to March` 03

1. No. of incidents	1506	1244
2. No. of civilians killed	332	332
3. No. of SFs killed	155	157
4. No. of civilians injured	617	506
5. No. of SFs injured	391	285
6. Loss of property (Shops, Govt. Bldgs, Hospital, Pvt. House, Bridges, Educa. Bldgs. Etc.)	290	112

A few major incidences of terrorists related violence during Nov. 2002 to 31 March. 2003 are as given below:

- (i) On November 23, 2002 an IED blast took place near Yatri Niwas, Jawahar Tunnel (Lower Munda) Anantnag with the result a civil

bus and a truck carrying Army personnel fell into a deep nallah. In this incident, 9 persons including 5 Army jawans, 2 children and 2 ladies lost their lives whereas 24 Army personnel sustained injuries.

(ii) In a suicidal/terrorist attack at Raghunath Temple Complex, Jammu on November 24, 2002, 13 persons including 1 policeman, 1 CRPF jawan and 2 terrorists got killed while 53 persons including 5 security Force personnel sustained injuries.

(iii) Terrorists attacked a police post Ind under PS Gool, Udhampur on the night of March 15/16, 2003 killing eleven police personnel/SPOs and two civilians and injuring five others.

(iv) In a gruesome massacre on the night intervening March 23/24, 2003 at Nadimarg, Zainpora, Pulwama, targeting the members of Hindu community, terrorists killed 24 persons including 11 women and 2 children.

(d) & (e): The security situation in J&K is closely monitored and reviewed at the high levels from time to time in conjunction with the State Government. Though Central teams or officers of the Union Government and even the Deputy Prime Minister do visit J&K from time to time for inter-alia assessing ground level security situation, Central teams have recently visited after major incidents such as the 2nd attack on Raghunath temple on 24th November 2002 and thereafter following the incidents of massacre at Ind, Udhampur on 15/16 March 2003 and at Nadimarg, Pulwama on 23/24 March 2003.

Recently the security situation, post Nadimarg incident, in J&K has been reviewed alongwith broad contours of counter terrorism measures and strategies on 31.03.2003 in a High Level Meeting Chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and participated among others by Raksha Mantri, Minister for External Affairs and senior Officers of State and Central Government as well as of security forces and intelligence agencies.

(f): In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland, the Government conjointly with the State government, has taken a series of steps to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI which includes strengthening of border management to check infiltration; proactive action against terrorists; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of Unified Headquarters 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 terrorist are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State and Central Government.

As a part of conjoint efforts to curb terrorism, commensurate with a multi-pronged strategy, the government continues to provide all possible support to the State Government in terms of financial, security force manpower, technical and intelligence related assistance.