

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:373
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TALK WITH MILITANTS
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA;SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted an expert group to talk to the militants in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time frame set by the Government to complete the negotiations, if any; and
- (d) the number of terrorist outfits of Kashmir that have agreed to give up violence so far?

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) & (b): Shri N.N. Vohra, former Union Home Secretary and former Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, has been appointed as Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organisations and concerned individuals in the State of Jammu Kashmir.

(c): No time frame has been set by the Government to complete the negotiations.

(d): None so far.