

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORISTS IN HILKAKA REGION OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the ex-Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir had cautioned the Union Government about the presence of large number of terrorists in HilKaka Region of Jammu and Kashmir and operating from there as back as in the year 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for not taking any effective steps against these terrorists well in time;
- (c) whether the ex-Chief Minister had opposed any idea of using a large scale operation against the terrorists in the Hil-kaka Region;
- (d) if so, the details and facts thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the reasons for keeping silence for full three years in the matter; and
- (f) the reasons for not invoking the provisions of the Constitution which empowers the Union Government to take emergency steps against any State Governments which threatens the unity and integrity of the country by not cooperating with the Union Government against powers which are fighting against the interests of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(f): Intelligence agencies have been monitoring activities of terrorists in HilKaka area of Jammu & Kashmir during the last four years. The terrorists often use the remote and rugged areas like HilKaka area for establishing hideouts and caches for weapons. Based on intelligence inputs a large number of counter insurgency operations were conducted, in cooperation & full coprates with the State Government during the last four years to neutralize terrorist operating in the area. The recent counter insurgency operation in the area named `Operation Sarp Vinash` was one such operation but of a larger magnitude.