

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1124
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RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN BY MILITANTS IN KASHMIR
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RAMESH CHENNITHALA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that militants in Kashmir are recruiting children for their so called Jehadi movement;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter; and
- (c) the steps the Union Government propose to take to counter and check such activities?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As informed by the State Government of J&K, there have been reports of attempts by terrorist outfits through their overground support network in the State to lure unemployed gullible youth to join the terrorist group for their so called Jehadi movement. Allurements by way of monetary assistance have reportedly played a major role in recruiting the youth into terrorist fold.

(c): The State Government has reported that action, under the law, against all those overground supporters found abetting terrorism is regularly being taken through the concerted efforts of security forces and intelligence agencies. A number of local youths were also rescued by the security forces this year from the clutches of terrorists.