

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2097
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HANDING OVER OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY TO ARMY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry has been handed over to the Army recently;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether other Para Military Forces concerned with the border security will also be transferred to the Ministry of Defence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the extent to which such moves are likely to strengthen the security at the borders?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The origin of Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry lies in a group of civilian volunteers who fought against Pakistani intruders in 1947-48 to defend J&K. The achievements of the J&K Militia and their credible performance in operation of 1965 and 1971 led to the integration of militia in the Army as a full fledged regiment at par with an Infantry Regiment.

(c) to (e): There is no such decision of the Government.