

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether withdrawal of para-military forces troops from the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir is resulting in large scale migration of people belonging to minority community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether people belonging to the minority community are being threatened by terrorists to convert their religion; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action plan formulated for the safety and security of the minority community in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): There has been neither withdrawal of Para-Military Forces nor any large scale migration of people belonging to minority community from the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir State.

(c): No such incident/complaint has been noticed so far.

(d): Various steps have been taken for the safety and security of the minority community in the State, which include:-

(i) Pickets of Security Forces (SFs) have been established in the villages/clusters inhabited by minority community in Kashmir valley.

(ii) Adequate weaponry and communication facilities are provided at these pickets with the nearest SF units entrusted with the task of area sanitization around the pocket.

(iii) Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have been established at far-flung areas inhabited by minority community members in Jammu province.

(iv) The Security Forces conduct frequent patrolling in the hinterland and areas inhabited by minority community members at these locations.

(v) Construction of clusters of residential houses at Sheikhpura Budgam, Mattan Anantnag and Kheer Bhawani Srinagar in Kashmir valley for secure stay of the members of minority community at these places.