GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to grant autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there have any perceptible change in the frequency and intensity of terrorist activities during 2004 in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) if so, the details of the militant activities along LoC and the border areas during the year;
- (e) the comparative figures of militants activities and infiltration reported during the corresponding period last year;
- (f) the number of civilian, security personnel killed/injured and militant killed/arrested in such incidents during the said period; and
- (g) the steps taken to curb such militant activities and bring normalcy in J & K?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Government is committed to continue its endeavor to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide-ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and the fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people.
- (c) & (d): The number of terrorist incidents during the current year up to October, 2004 (2223) has been less than the number of terrorist incidents for the corresponding period of the previous year (2887). Similarly the infiltration during the period between January-October, 2004 (496 has been perceptibly less than the infiltration during the corresponding period of 2003 (1211).
- (e) & (f): The requisite information is as under:

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Item/Activities Jan. to Oct. 2003 Jan. to Oct. 2004
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2887
                   2223
Incidents
                  703 624
Civilians killed
Civilians injured 1376 1305
Security Force Personnel Killed
                                2.77
Security Force Personnel injured 685
                                     579
Terrorist killed 1265
                         856
Terrorists arrested/apprehended
                               373
No. of infiltration
                     120 100
Estimated number infiltrated
                                    496
                             1211
No. of terrorists killed in bids foiled 162
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(g): The Government, jointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border terrorism particularly in Jammu & Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management and multi-tiered and multi modal deployment along International Border/LOC and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration, pro-active action against the terrorists within the State etc. The counter-infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically.