GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1512 ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010 ATTACK ON AMARNATH PILGRIMS Kumar Shri Shailendra;Singh Shri Dhananjay

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of terrorist attacks on the Amarnath pilgrims;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year alongwith the number of civilians and security personnel injured and killed in such attacks; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such attacks in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): This year's Annual Amarnath Yatra began on 1.7.2010 and till date, there has been no report of any terrorist attack on pilgrims. The number of incidents of Terrorists attacks and the number of Police/Security Forces and Civilian killed/injured during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

Years No. of incidents Killed Injured

Police/ Civilian Police/ Civilian Security Security Forces Forces

2007 2 - 1 - 40

2008 1 - 5 - 26

2009 - - - -

2010 - - - -

(c): The Government has made adequate arrangements for the security of the Yatris right from Lakhanpur where they enter the State up to the Holy Cave itself along both the Baltal and Pahalgam routes. The Army, BSF, CRPF, the J&K Armed Police and the District Police have been deployed to ensure the security of Yatris.