

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4310
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DIALOGUE WITH KASHMIRI GROUP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that political turmoil in Kashmir is adversely affecting the developmental activities and also the economic progress in the State;
- (b) whether Government intends to restart the dialogue process with Allienated Section of Kashmiri Society in a meaningful, consistent and time-bound manner; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, During times of agitation and protests, developmental activities including tourist activity and normal commercial activities receives a set back. However, Government is committed in its resolve to usher in progress and bring peace and development to the state.
- (b) & (c): A process of internal dialogue and consultation had been initiated in 2005 in the form of a Round Table Conference on Jammu & Kashmir, comprising representatives of various shades of people, opinion and regions in the State, to identify measures required to further strengthen and consolidate the process of peace and normalcy in the State. The Government is committed to carry forward dialogue with all groups and those who eschew the path of violence