

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1013

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INTERLOCUTORS ON J K .

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has appointed interlocutors and sent a delegation to interact with the various sections of the civil society and seek to find possible solutions for the problems in Jammu & Kashmir and to help restore normalcy in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith recommendations made in the reports submitted by them;
- (c) the follow-up action being taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has evaluated the role played by the interlocutors;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the efforts made by the interlocutors has helped in restoring peace in the State; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (g): On 13th October 2010, the Government had appointed Dr. Dileep padgaonkar, Professor M.M. Ansari and Prof (Ms) Radha Kumar as interlocutors to hold sustained dialogue with a wide range of important representatives of political and public opinion to draw up a road map for a possible settlement of the political problem in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. The Group of Interlocutors have made a number of recommendations in the nature of confidence building measures, including expediting cases of under trials, permitting peaceful protests, releasing militants/Protestors against whom there are no serious charges, training of security forces, identifying jobs for young men and women in Central/State Government offices etc. These recommendations have been sent to the concerned authorities for possible implementation. The Interlocutors have been able to change the discourse and have been able to persuade a number of stakeholders to offer suggestions for a political solution. The law and order has improved in the State.