

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2476  
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2011  
MISSING KASHMIRIS  
Bajirao Shri Patil Padamsinha

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

- (a) whether a large number of Kashmiris are missing from the valley;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and to address the grievances of families of Kashmiris who are missing from the valley?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a): Yes, Madam. There have been reports about Kashmiris missing from the Valley. However, specific details are not available.
- (b): As per the information furnished by Government of J&K, during the initial period of last two decades when the militancy was on the rise, a large number of Kashmiris are reported to have been crossed over to Pok/Pakistan. A number of them are reported to have been killed on the LOC while attempting to cross over.
- (c): In order to enable return of misguided Kashmiri youths who have crossed over to PoK/Pakistan, a policy has been framed by Government of J&K recently.