

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4484
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PEACE PROCESS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Haque Shri Sk. Saidul;Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had initiated a peace process and proposes to hold talks with separatist groups active in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the number of separatist groups active in the valley at present and number of those to be invited for talks;
- (c) whether any condition has been put forth by the separatists for these talks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps for political settlement of Kashmir issue with active participation of the political parties and people; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No Madam
- (b) to (d) Do not arise.
- (e) to (f) Government has always been open to talks with all groups in Kashmir who have abjured violence.