

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:282
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RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF PANCHAYAT
Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some panchayat members have resigned due to alleged terrorist attacks/ threats in the State of Jammu and Kashmir recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIR. P. N. SINGH)

(a) to (c): As per information received from the State Government, (till 31st January, 2013), following the recent killing of a Sarpanch and injuring of female Panch in Sopore, District Baramulla, 17 Panches and Sarpanches tendered their resignations. Deputy Commissioner has forwarded these resignations to the District Panchayat Officer. It may be mentioned that earlier, 79 Panches and Sarpanches had tendered their resignation out of fear and under duress. The Government has, however, not accepted any of these resignations. All the Panches and Sarpanches who had tendered their resignation participated in the election to four Legislative Council seats held on 3rd December, 2012 and cast their vote.