GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2908 ANSWERED ON:27.08.2013 AMNESTY TO MILITANTS Lal Shri Kirodi

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to grant amnesty to the militants/terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has requested the Union Government to amend the Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation Policy for terrorists in order to facilitate the procedure to bring these young people back into the mainstream; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Policy for return of ex-militants from Pok/Pakistan to Jammu and Kashmir has been notified by the J&K Govt vide Order No. Home 1376 (ISA) of 2010 dated 23.11.2010. The policy is intended to facilitate the return of ex-militants who belong to J&K State and had crossed over the PoK/ Pakistan for training in insurgency, but have given up insurgent activities due to a change of heart and are willing to return to the State. Those who have gone to Pok/ Pakistan between 01.01.1989 and 31.12.2009 and their dependents are eligible for consideration under the policy.

(c) to (d): Till date, this Ministry has not received proposal from the Govt. of J&K for change in the extant rehabilitation policy.