

Title: Need to take steps for de-mining of areas along the border in Jammu & Kashmir with a view to protect the lives of the local people.-Laid.

SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA (JAMMU): *Sir, during War in the year 1999, the villagers of area along the border were shifted to the camps. After war, Army has done mining at several places. Now, those villagers have started returning to their village and Government is taking steps for their rehabilitation and they are being provided assistance for tracterisation of their barren agricultural land so as to enable them to earn bread and butter for their families. However, as a result of those mines, they apprehend explosions in the mines because at several places mines still exit and can explode during tracterisation and sowing of agricultural field. Though they are being helped by the Government to settle peacefully in their villages, they are not in a position to earn livelihood for their family unless de-mining of these areas is done.

I urge upon the Government to see that work pertaining de-mining of these mines may be taken up urgently.

* Laid on the Table .