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In order to neutralize activities of ISI agents, Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well coordinated intelligence based action against ISI agents and militants sponsored by them, setting up of outposts of security forces and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Steps taken in this regard have resulted in detection/neutralization of various ISI backed modules.

Terrorist attacks in J&K

†796 SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir State during the last one year and the places of attack:

(b) the number of our military personnel and civilians killed and seriously injured; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per information available from the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the number of terrorists attacks that took place in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the last one year i.e. from 1st July 2001 to 30th June 2002 is 4280. Some of the places of attack in the last one year have been in Pahalgam, Kishtwar, Doda, Jammu, Udhampur, Poonch, Anantnag and Rajouri.

As per available information the number of military personnel and civilians killed and injured from 1st July 2001 to 30th June 2002 are as follows:—

	Killed	Injured
Army personnel	309	873
Civilians	1001	1680

In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels and redeployment of troops at borders/LoC and intensive pressure on terrorists

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

in the hinterland the Government conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening border management to check infiltration; pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters in the State and in Operation Groups at various levels.

Manufacturing and distribution of arms after Godhra incidents

797. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted any inquiry about the manufacturing and distribution of a large number of swords, kunckledusks and 'Panjas' within two days of Godhra incident;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of inquiry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No information is available with the State Government of Gujarat about the manufacturing and distribution of a large number of swords, kunckledusks and 'Panjas' within two days of Godhra incident, which took place on 27-2-2002 and hence the question of conducting any inquiry does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Monitoring LoC with the US Sensors

798. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the 'Asian Age' dated 15th June, 2002, Government has approved the proposal for monitoring of Line of Control with the U.S. Sensors;