

**Measures taken to prevent violent incidents during Amarnath
Yatra**

800. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year holy Amarnath Yatra is marked by violent incidents and that during the last two years over 50 yatris have sacrificed their lives;

(b) whether it is also a fact that militants blew up two vehicles belonging to security forces at Frisian and Hutmara on the Amarnath Yatra route recently when 40 days Amarnath Yatra is yet to begin from 19th July, 2002; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures Government have taken during this year's Yatra so that no violent incidents take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The details of yatris killed and injured in terrorist incidents during Holy Amarnath Yatra in the last two years are as follows:—

Year	Yatris Killed	Yatris injured
2000	21	26
2001	6	8

(b) As per reports of the State Government on 27.6.2002 three Aftiy Jawans lost their life in an IED blast caused by terrorist at Frisian on Pahalgam-Chandanwari road, when Army vehicle passed over it. The vehicle also got damaged.

(c) Elaborate security arrangements have been made by the State Government for the Amarnath Yatra this year taking account various perceived threat from the terrorists. Each constituent of the security forces have been assigned clear cut duties and responsibilities like area domination and presence on the heights along the route, road opening parties (ROPs), escort duty, camp security, access control, manning check posts, antisabotage checks etc. during the period of the Yatra and mechanisms for coordination of Yatra related security measures have put in place. The Deputy Commissioners of Anantnag and Srinagar have also drawn up detailed Disaster Management Plans for evacuation for Yatris in the event of any disaster or mishap.