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As regard civil reforms, the Government conjointly with the State Government of J&K is continuing to pursue a multi-pronged strategy to bring peace and normalcy in the State. The major prongs of the strategy are (i) proactive talking of cross border terrorism with J&K; (ii) accelerated economic development of the State; (iii) being prepared to talk with any group of people within the State who eschew the path of violence. Necessary refinements in the above strategy continue to be made as per requirements from time to time.

Terrorists entering J&K after General Musharaf's commitment

793. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists who entered Jammu and Kashmir after commitment from General Musharaf to stop infiltration; and

(b) the details of the terrorist outfits and training camps indentified/ located by Government at various places of Jammu and Kashmir which are presently run/sponsored by Pak Government and ISI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Though exact figures of infiltration at any given point are not possible to know, all estimates indicate that following General Musharaf's commitment made under international pressure to stop infiltration as publically stated through his speech on 27 May, 2002 there was a drop in infiltration; however infiltration attempts have again picked up. The assessments also indicate that there is a slight decline in infiltration in current calender year as compared with the previous calender year.

(b) Training camps exist across the IB/LoC in Pakistan/Pok. Government have no reports regarding existence of training camps in J&K. However, terrorists are reported to have from time to time set up temporary camps/hideouts using shelters like dhoks, shepherds' huts in remote jungle areas.

Construction of shopping complex near Moreh No-Mans Land

794. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manipal Government has sent a report to the Centre