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Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to tackle militancy in J&K, which includes inter-alia gearing up intelligence machinery, strengthening border management, galvanising development programmes and deepening of democratic process etc. Government has reimbursed a sum of Rs. 179.49 crore to the Jammu and Kashmir Government as additional security related expenditure and Rs. 43.31 crore towards debt relief scheme during the current financial year, over and above the assistance extended by other Ministries/Departments administratively concerned with various developmental schemes.

Grants for J&K

2207. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to discuss with the Jammu and Kashmir Government the security, development and financial aspects relating to J&K, in view of constant threat perception from militants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the grants sanctioned for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The interactions with Government of Jammu & Kashmir on security, development and financial aspects is a continuous process. The matter is reviewed from time to time by a number of committees where State Government has strong representation. Special meetings are also called to sort out important issues. In one such review, the Home Minister convened a meeting to review the security and financial situation in J&K on 17.11.1999, which was also attended by the Chief Minister and high ranking Officers of Jammu & Kashmir. It was decided therein inter-alia that representatives from the Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Home Affairs would make an assessment of the short and medium term financial requirements of the State, after having further discussions with the representatives of the State Government. Pursuant to this decision, two meetings have since been held on 22.11.1999 and 25.11.1999.

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Purchases by House keeping section of MHA

2208. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: