

Increase in terrorist activities

185. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Army Chief's assessment cross border infiltration has decreased but terrorist activities within Jammu and Kashmir (J & K) and other parts have increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of terrorists killed in J & K in encounters by security forces and by public in 2009-2010; and

(d) the steps taken to beef up security in J & K?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) and (b) No Sir. Attempts at infiltration from across the LoC which are mainly in Jammu and Kashmir have shown a marginal increase during 2009. As against 342 attempts during 2008, 485 attempts have taken place during 2009. However terrorist activities have shown a declining trend *i.e.*, from 708 in 2008 to 499 in 2009.

(c) As per statistics provided by Ministry of Defence, the details of the terrorists killed in J & K are 245 in the year 2009 and 27 upto February 21, 2010. The number of terrorist killed by Civilians as per report received in MHA is 1 in 2009 and Nil in 2010.

(d) The Govt. in tandem with the State Govt, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border infiltration in Jammu & Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management and multi tiered and multi-modal deployment along international border/line of control and infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination, synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the States. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Govt. and in the Central Govt.

Spurt in infiltration attempts across LOC

186. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware that in the past few months there was spurt in infiltration attempts across the Line of Control in J & K;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a portion of border fencing have been cut by terrorists in J & K and sneaked in from that portion;

(d) if so, whether the security forces have launched combing operations along the border belt; and

(e) if so, the plans formulated to nab such terrorists and to strengthen its forces along borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) Yes, Sir. 485 terrorists had attempted to infiltrate during 2009 as compared to 342 attempts of infiltration during 2008 in J & K. Of these, 114 terrorists are assessed to have successfully infiltrated in J & K in 2009 as compared to 57 in 2008.

(c) to (e) As per information available in 2009, 30 infiltration bids were eliminated in J & K in which 72 terrorists were killed. In view of the fact that infiltration has taken place it is possible that the fencing was cut in the act at some places.

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Persons awarded Padma Shri

187. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV :

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the criterion adopted for selection for 'Padma' award; and
- (b) the details of the persons who were awarded 'Padma Shri' this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) In terms of the rules/guidelines regulating Padma awards, 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of a high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field of activity.

(b) A list of the persons whose names have been announced for 'Padma Shri' this year is given in Statement.

Statement

List of persons whose names have been announced for 'Padma Shri' this year

Sl.No.	Name	Discipline	State/Domicile
1	2	3	4
1.	Shri Gulam Mohammed Mir	Public Service	Jammu and Kashmir
2.	Ms. Rekha	Art	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Arjun Prajapati	Art	Rajasthan