

- (c) if so, the details and the time bound plan; and
- (d) if not, whether Government thinks that the current strength is sufficient to tackle the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN):  
 (a) Sir, Current authorized strength of the CRPF is 2,85,630.

(b) to (d) In 12.9.2008 Government have sanctioned 10 CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) Battalions in CRPF for operations in LWI (Left Wing Extremist) areas. In addition, in 2009, 38 additional Battalions have been sanctioned to CRPF to be raised in a period of 10 years.

#### **Stone pelting by students in Kashmir Valley**

†2391. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that on being provoked by most of the separatists, the school students are getting involved in stone pelting incidents in Kashmir Valley;
- (b) if so, the number of students among persons arrested for stone pelting by Government;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan to bring the students into main stream; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN):  
 (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There are reports to suggest that the unrest in the Kashmir Valley is being provoked by some separatist elements. Among the stone peltors are also included students, as per report of State Government. They have reported 410 students arrested for indulging in stone pelting incidents. The Government have announced an 8 Point Plan which *inter-alia* included the immediate release of all students and youth detained or arrested for stone pelting or similar violations of law and to withdraw the charges against such students and youth. Further, several measures have been taken by the Government for the benefit of youth which includes training programmes to enhance skills, opening of technical institutes, employment in service sector. Besides, a new National Youth Corps and Skill Development Programme covering 16000 youth, are in the process of implementation. An Expert Group has also been set upto formulate a job plan for the youth of State involving both the public and the private sector.

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