

Properties possessed by SASB

1619. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is Government's stand on Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) having possession of properties belonging to it before 1990s;
- (b) how many such properties exist and who are their present owners;
- (c) what is the number of hostels and guest houses on the yatra route and who are in their possession; and
- (d) whether Government plans to involve Hindu religious organizations in registration and overall conduct of yatra in a similar way as it involves State Haj Committee for Haj yatra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) was constituted in the year 2001 through the Jammu and Kashmir Shri Amarnathji Shrine Act, 2000. The issue of possession of properties and arrangements for yatris etc. comes within the ambit of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir and SASB. The Central Government does not maintain any record in this regard.

J-e-M setting up new base in Pakistan's Punjab province to operate against India

1620. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether outlawed terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (J-e-M) linked to 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament and the beheading of U.S. Journalist Daniel Pearl, is setting up a large new base just outside Bahawalpur town in Pakistan's Punjab province with anti-India inscriptions on its walls;
- (b) if so, whether Pakistani authorities have turned a blind eye to the 6.2 acre base, located in the South of Punjab province, even though it is believed to serve as a radical madarsa or some kind of training camp; and
- (c) what are the various steps taken by Government to neutralize the contemplated actions of the said terrorists groups operating against India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes. Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) has acquired a 4.5-acre compound outside the city of Bahawalpur (Punjab, Pakistan) in addition to the madrasa named Usman-o-Ali inside the city of Bahawalpur.

- (b) Though the local authorities in Pakistan acknowledge that JeM has spread out of the city, they State that the new acquisition is a cattle farm to supply milk to the Jaish seminaries.