

Peace Talks in J&K

† 25. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks of Government with any organization or political party with regard to Jammu and Kashmir are going on;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government are going to take in near future with regard to J&K so that disturbances can be brought down there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government has held two rounds of talks with the Hurriyat led by Maulana Abbas Ansari on 22-1-2004 and 27-03-2004. The Government is committed to carry forward the dialogue with all groups and shades of opinion in J&K on a sustained basis.

(c) The Government has been following a multi-pronged approach in dealing with terrorism and bringing in peace in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. The major prongs of the strategies, *inter-alia*, include (i) strengthening border management and pro-active action against terrorists with J&K (ii) accelerating the economic development and (iii) remaining open to pursue a dialogue with all groups and different shades of opinion in the State on a sustained basis in consultation with the democratically elected State Government.

Special Task Force to Deal with Naxalite Organisations

† 26. SHRI PYARE LAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to bring peace in naxal affected areas of different States;

(b) whether Government are considering to set up a special task force to deal with naxalite organizations effectively; and

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