

Review on insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir

3755. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a review on the prevailing insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has initiated any peace talks with the rebel groups, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for alleviating the disturbances in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) Government regularly reviews the security situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and necessary directions are given from time to time.

(c) The Government has appointed Shri Dineshwar Sharma, former Director of Intelligence Bureau, as its representative, to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The response from people of Jammu and Kashmir has been very positive.

(d) The Government has continuously encouraged policies to mainstream the youth, including providing employment opportunities to wean them away from militancy. ₹ 80,068 crore has been announced under the PM Development Package, 2015 for Jammu and Kashmir. The following schemes are also ongoing for the students/youth of Jammu and Kashmir:—

- Special Industry Initiative (SII) – Udaan to enhance skill and employability of Graduates and three-year Engineering Diploma holders and offer of jobs in the private sector.
- Skill Empowerment and Employment Scheme (Himayat) – to provide options and opportunities to school/college dropouts for salaried jobs in the private sector or self-employment.
- Special Scholarship Scheme (SSS) – to provide financial assistance to students having passed class 12th or equivalent exams for studying in colleges and institutions outside Jammu and Kashmir.