

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:255  
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2003  
TALKS ON KASHMIR PROBLEM  
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY;RAMJILAL SUMAN;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have appointed Mr. N.N. Vohra as interelocuter to hold talks with various organisations in Jammu and kashmir;
- (b) if so, the number of outfits to whom proposal for talks have been sent alongwith number of outfits with whom talks have been held;
- (c) the outcome of talks held so far;
- (d) the total number of outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir at present;
- (e) whether the Government have also received suggestions for the solution of Kashmir problem;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (g) the reaction of Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

- (a): Shri N.N. Vohra has been appointed as Government of India's representative and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organizations and concerned individuals in the State of J&K.
- (b) and (c): Shri Vohra's visits to the State were widely publicized through print and electronic media intimating the dates of his visits and indicating that he would meet all organizations and individuals wishing to participate in the dialogue and contribute to restore out peace and normalcy in the State. During his two visits to Srinagar and Jammu Shri Vohra held talks with 142 organizations and individuals. However, no separatist or terrorist outfit has so far come forward to hold talks with him.
- (d): A large number of known, unknown and faceless terrorist outfits are operating in Jammu & Kashmir, prominent among them are Harkat-ul-Jehad-I-Islami, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hizbul Mujahideen and Al Badr.
- (e) to (g): Various organizations and individuals expressed their views on political, social and economic issues including complaints about their local problems.