

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:314
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
MIGRATION OF VILLAGERS IN J & K
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding migration of villagers near the Line of Control in the Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan appearing in the Times of India dated June 29, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to stop the recurrence of such migration?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, the Government is aware of the news item. The migration has been encouraged by the Pak ISI with the help of some senior militants Commanders by alluring the people near the LOC through promise of better settlement and financial assistance as has been done in earlier years coupled with instigations through public address system from mosques in PoK warnings of heavy shelling by Pak army, intimidation by infiltrating terrorists etc.

(c): The State Government has been advised to take all measures required to check recurrence of such migrations.