

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3665  
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TERRORIST HIDEOUTS  
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

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

- (a) whether densely forested and rugged area of Surenkot has been the safest hideout of terrorists for a long time;
- (b) if so, the reasons due to which Intelligence Bureau could not detect any information in this regard; and
- (c) the step being taken by the Government to make various intelligence agencies more active and to bring proper coordination among them in view of the continuous increase in the terrorism?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): Intelligence agencies have been monitoring activities of terrorists in the Surankote sector which includes the HilKaka area of J&K during the last many years. The terrorists often use the remote and rugged areas like those near Surankote including HilKaka area for establishing hideouts and caches for weapons. Based on intelligence inputs a large number of counter insurgency operations were conducted during the last four years to neutralize terrorist operating in the area.

(c): The intelligence agencies operating in the State have all along been working in proper coordination with the security forces and among themselves to achieve their collective goal. Frequent meetings and interactions at various levels have been taking place among the various intelligence agencies to ensure optimum utilization of resources and coordination.

Recently the State Government constituted a State Intelligence Review Committee comprising representatives of State, Central and Central Para Military Forces intelligence agencies with a view to further strengthen coordination within the intelligence network throughout the State.