

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:24
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TALKS WITH MILITANTS
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to talk with the various militant/fundamentalists groups in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details of the modalities of talks; and
- (c) the time by which the talks are likely to be initiated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) to (c): The Government has offered to have an initial meeting with the Hurriyat Conference at the level of Deputy Prime Minister. The modalities and time for the meeting would be decided after due consideration of all relevant aspects.