

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REDUCTION IN DEPLOYMENT OF DEFENCE FORCES IN J & K

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been decline in the number of terrorist activities from across the border;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has recently taken a decision to reduce troops in J&K;
- (c) if so, whether for taking such a drastic decision, the implications have been assessed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether such a decision would not increase infiltration from the bordering State; and
- (f) if so, the manner in which such a situation would be handled?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): After due deliberation on the security situation, the number of Army personnel in the State of Jammu and Kashmir are being reduced with effect from 17th November 2004. Details of units being de-inducted cannot be disclosed in view of national security considerations.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.