GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO 49 ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017

Investigations into killings of Kashmiri Pandits

49 Shri Amar Singh

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of FIRs registered for the killings of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s have not been investigated by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that leaders of Kashmiri Pandit body had also approached the Central Government in this regard but no action was taken thereon; and
- (c) if so, what are the specific reasons therefor and by when directions are proposed to be issued to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir to initiate investigations into the killings of Kashmiri Pandits?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *49 FOR 20.12.2017 REGARDING INVESTIGATION INTO KILLINGS OF KASHMIRI PANDITS

- (a): As per the report of State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 174 cases of killing of Kashmiri Pandits by terrorists have been registered by the Jammu and Kashmir Police. After investigations, 30 cases have been challaned and 142 cases have been reported as untraced. There has been conviction in one case.
- (b) to (c): Representations from various quarters including Kashmiri Pandits are received in the Ministry from time to time and the same are forwarded to State Government of Jammu and Kashmir for appropriate action.
