GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO AMARNATH PILGRIMS

KINJARAPU RAM MOHAN NAIDU

(a) whether there are intelligence inputs suggesting threats of terrorist attacks on Amarnath pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether incidents of stone pelting on the vehicles of pilgrims going to the holy shrine of Amarnath have come to the notice of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRSbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There are intelligence inputs about the plan of terrorists to target Amarnath Yatra and the same has been shared with security agencies at the centre and state levels.

(c) to (d): Since beginning of the Yatra this year, the reports of some incidents of stone pelting on Yatra vehicles from District Ganderbal have been received. In these incidents, injury to one Yatri and the damage to the windowpanes of three vehicles have been reported. The State Government has been taking adequate measures to provide security to the Amarnath pilgrims. Besides deployment of 112 Coys of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)/J & K Police on the Yatra route for security, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) have also made elaborate arrangements for the welfare of the pilgrims as well as for the smooth passage of the Yatra.