

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2000

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 2017/ SHRAVANA 11, 1939 (SAKA)
SAFETY OF AMARNATH PILGRIMS

2000. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Amarnath pilgrims have been recently killed and injured in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway despite advance intelligence input for terrorist attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in regard to this attack on the innocent pilgrims by militants and the steps Government proposes to take to ensure the safety of pilgrims?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): On 10.07.2017 at about 2015 hours, militants attacked a bus carrying Amanrnath yatries at Batengo, Anantnag in which 7 pilgrims lost their lives and 21 others sustained injuries. Later on, one of the injured yatries succumbed to injuries. Though there were general inputs that militants may attack during Shri Amarnathji Yatra but there were no specific inputs about this attack.

(c): All possible arrangements are made by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir duly supported by the Central Government by deploying additional security forces to strengthen the security of the Shri Amarnathji Yatra. After the incident, Government reviewed the security arrangements relating to Shri Amarnathji Yatra and the security have further been beefed up.