

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *198**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST JULY, 2018 /SHRAVANA 9, 1940 (SAKA)

YOUTHS JOINING MILITANCY

***198. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the offensive launched by security forces in the current year against local militants has flipped their recruitment which has doubled;

(b) whether 69 local youths have joined militancy since January this year in South Kashmir comprising four districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that many youths have disappeared from Kashmir and joined terrorist organisations; and

(e) if so, the details of such incidents which came to the notice of the Government since the imposition of Governor's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir and the steps taken to check this trend?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *198 FOR 31.07.2018 REGARDING YOUTHS JOINING MILITANCY

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): 87 youths have joined militancy in 2018 (till 20.07.2018) in the four districts of South Kashmir (Anantnag-14, Pulwama-35, Shopian-23, Kulgam-15).

(d) & (e): After imposition of Governor's rule (June 20, 2018) in the State, 12 youths are reported to have disappeared and later on joined militancy.

The Government regularly reviews the security situation in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. In order to prevent activities of militants, numerous steps have been taken including strengthening of operational grid with enhanced human intelligence and use of technical intelligence grid. The Government has also continuously encouraged policies to mainstream the youth, including providing employment opportunities to wean them away from militancy.
