

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 10.05.2000**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE BOMBERS IN J K .**

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SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that suicide bombers are the new phenomenon of militancy in J&K; and
- (b) if so, what steps are contemplated to nip in the bud this menace before its number escalates?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

- (a): Pak sponsored terrorists have resorted to another method of attack on the security forces with a view to gaining attention. A car bomb with a terrorist at the wheels exploded in the Badami Bagh Cantonment, Srinagar on 19.4.2000 leading to blowing up of the terrorist and causing minor injuries to 5 security personnel. This shows the utter frustration on the part of terrorists in gaining an upper hand with the security forces.
- (b): The security and intelligence agencies are fully vigilant and they are on maximum alert to frustrate the designs of the Pak sponsored terrorists organisations including suicide attacks. Steps taken to tackle terrorist related actions in J&K include, round the clock vigil on border, posting additional naka parties manned by Army/BSF/Police in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, establishment of pickets at all strategically important places, intensified patrolling of sensitive areas and intelligence supported cordon and search operations.