

## 75 militants gunned down in 2017

Solemn farewell: Policemen pay homage to their colleague Mushtaq Ahmad, who was killed in a militant strike, in Srinagar. AP

As many as 515 “cases of infiltration” from across the border in Jammu and Kashmir were reported in 2017 which saw the killing of 75 militants, a jump of almost 130% over the 2015 figures, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

As many as 454 cases were reported in 2016 when 45 militants were killed, while 223 cases were reported in 2015 when 64 militants were gunned down, Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju said while replying to a written question.

Mr. Rijiju said security forces had taken appropriate measures by strengthening overall security, including operational grid with enhanced human intelligence and use of technical intelligence grid, at the borders as well as in hinterlands to deal with such insurgency activities.

Union Minister of State for Home Hansraj Ahir informed the Lok Sabha that the Government had approved the construction of 14,460 bunkers for the protection of people living along the International Border and the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

“These include 1,431 large community bunkers and 13,029 individual bunkers in the districts of Samba, Jammu, Kathua, Poonch and Rajouri. The project is being implemented by the Jammu and Kashmir government,” Mr. Ahir told the Lok Sabha while replying to a written question.

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