

# 72 Government Employees and their Terror Network:

## Government Actions to Counter the Terror Ecosystem - 2016 to 2025

- ❖ On June 3, 2025, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha **dismissed three government employees** Malik Ishfaq Naseer, a police constable; Ajaz Ahmed, a school teacher and Waseem Ahmad Khan, a Junior Assistant in Government Medical College - over their links with **terrorist organizations**
- Similarly, the report compiled **14 incidents of dismissal of 72 government employees** for having **links with terrorist organisations** from 2016 to 2025.

### 1. Why was this action taken? Are there any past incidents?

In July 2016, after the killing of militant commander Burhan Wani, the PDP-BJP government terminated services of at least a dozen employees for their alleged role in "anti-national activities". The employees were dismissed from various departments including revenue, rural development and education after the administration prepared detailed dossiers against them.

In 2020, in an incident that sent shockwaves across government administration, a DSP named Devinder Singh was caught with top Hizbul terrorists .

### 2. What action did the government take after this?

In 2021, a Special Task Force was formed to check government employees in Jammu and Kashmir.

On July 10, 2021, sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief, Salahuddin were also found to be working.

### 3. Summary of this Incident Report: 14 Incidents

All these actions by the Special Task Force has led to the termination of **72 Government Employees from 2016 to June 2025**.

S. No.	Date	Total no. & Names of people sacked	Terror Link	Action taken by government
1.	Jun 03, 2025	<p><b>1. Malik Ishfaq Naseer</b> (Police constable- Anantnag)</p> <p><b>2. Ajaz Ahmed</b> (school teacher - Poonch)</p> <p><b>3. Waseem Ahmad Khan</b> (junior assistant - Srinagar)</p>	<p><b>Malik Ishfaq Naseer :</b> accused of facilitating arms smuggling and sharing sensitive information with LeT handlers.</p> <p><b>Ajaz Ahmed :</b> Involved in smuggling arms, ammunition and posters of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen</p> <p><b>Waseem Ahmad Khan :</b> Part of a terror plot of the assassination of journalist Shujaat Bukhari and his security personnel in June 2018.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration.</p> <p><a href="#">Times of India</a></p> <p><a href="#">Hindustan Times</a></p> <p><a href="#">business-standard</a></p>
2.	13 February 2025	<p><b>1.Firdous Ahmad Bhat</b> (police constable)</p> <p><b>2.Mohammad Ashraf Bhat</b> (Government Teacher)</p> <p><b>3.Nisar Ahmad Khan</b> (forest department official)</p>	<p><b>Firdous Ahmad Bhat:</b> promoted to constable in 2011, was accused of aiding Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists by procuring arms and providing classified information on security forces and civilian targets, guiding terrorists to kill J&amp;K Police Sub-inspector Ashraf Bhat in 2020.</p> <p><b>Mohammad Ashraf Bhat:</b> permanent teacher since 2013, Allegedly worked for Lashkar-e-Taiba, with his handler being the wanted LeT terrorist Mohammad Qasim in Pakistan.</p> <p><b>Nisar Ahmad Khan:</b> Forest department employee linked to Hizbul Mujahideen, connected to the 2000 landmine blast that killed J&amp;K's Power Minister, and accused of providing logistical support to terrorists.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="#">indiatoday</a></p>

3.	3 August, 2024	<p>1. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Farooq Ahmed Sheikh</b></p> <p>2. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Khalid Hussain Shah</b></p> <p>3. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Rehmat Shah</b></p> <p>4. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Irshad Ahmed Chaku</b></p> <p>5. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Saif Din</b></p> <p>6. <b>Nazam Din</b>- (Junior Assistant in School Education Dept)</p>	<p><b>Farooq Ahmed Sheikh</b> - used his cover as a police personnel to act as a conduit for supplying smuggled narcotics from across the border to Srinagar, Budgam and its peripheral satellite areas.</p> <p><b>Khalid Hussain Shah</b> -Khalid was recruited as a constable in 2009 and used to help in smooth transportation and sale of drugs.</p> <p><b>Rehmat Shah</b> - was arrested with about 806 grams of brown sugar on his way from Karnah to Kupwara, when the racket was busted.</p> <p><b>Saif Din</b>- was a notorious drug peddler, a habitual offender and a mastermind who manipulated the very system that was meant to curb his kind.</p> <p><b>Irshad Ahmed Chaku</b> - was in close contact with two Kashmir origin terrorists living in PoJK and had obtained weapons/ammunition which he was to deliver to LeT terrorists on payment of Rs 1 lakh.</p> <p><b>Nazam Din</b> - In September 2022, Mohammad Bashir and Mohammad Latif (both Jammu and Kashmir origin terrorists based in PoJK) sent a narcotics consisting of 15 kg heroin from across the LoC. He was about to deliver this consignment when the Punjab Police arrested him.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="https://timesofindia.com">timesofindia</a></p>
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4.	23 July 2024	<p>1. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone</b></p> <p>2. Police constables (J&amp;K) <b>Mushtaq Ahmad Pir</b></p> <p>3. <b>Bazil Ahmad Mir</b> - (Junior Assistant in School Education Dept)</p> <p>4. <b>Mohd Zaid Shah</b>- (Village Level Worker- Rural Development Dept)</p>	<p><b>Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone</b> - was involved in the commission of offence of supplying, transporting and facilitating the delivery of arms and ammunition for executing terror acts.</p> <p><b>Mushtaq Ahmad Pir</b> - He had established contacts with drug smugglers from across the border in Pakistan and had direct ties with the terrorists/secessionists ecosystem.</p> <p><b>Bazil Ahmad Mir</b> - He was involved in the commission of offence of nurturing drug syndicate in and around the Lolab area and became a full-fledged trafficker of drugs and having a direct relationship with the terrorists/secessionists ecosystem</p> <p><b>Mohd Zaid Shah</b>- He had received huge consignment of heroin from drug smugglers across the LoC, and played a pivotal role in the generation of funds derived from narco trade that inevitably gets channelised to sustain the terrorist/secessionists ecosystem in J-K.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="https://www.indiatvnews.com">indiatvnews</a></p>
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5.	8 June 2024	<p>Police constables (J&amp;K) - <b>Abdul Rehman Dar</b></p> <p>Police constables (J&amp;K) - <b>Gh. Rasool Bhat</b></p> <p>Teacher - <b>Shabeer Ahmad Wani</b></p> <p>Assistant Lineman in Jal Sakti department - <b>Anayatullah Shah Pirzada</b></p>	<p><b>Abdul Rehman Dar</b> - was involved in the commission of offence of not only carrying illegal Arms and Ammunition from one place to another for their delivery to the terrorists, but also providing camouflage uniform cloth and other material to them.</p> <p><b>Gh. Rasool Bhat</b> - involved in the commission of offence of carrying illegal Arms and Ammunition from one place to another for delivery to the terrorists. He was linked to the terrorist ecosystem, through a network of OGWs, who have been operating at the behest of terrorist outfits based in Pakistan.</p> <p><b>Shabeer Ahmad Wani</b> - Was active member of Jamat-e-Islam (Jel), a proscribed separatist association having tangible links with terrorist organization. He played a substantial role in strengthening Jel and creating network of people among Jel sympathizers.</p> <p><b>Anayatullah Shah Pirzada</b> - Was a terrorist associate/OGW of Al-Badr Mujahideen, a proscribed terror outfit, has worked covertly in a variety of ways to support the agenda of terrorists.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="http://risingkashmir">risingkashmir</a></p>
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6.	21 Nov 2023	<p>1- Assistant Professor (Medicine), SMHS Hospital Srinagar- <b>Nisar-ul-Hasan</b>,</p> <p>2- Constable (J&amp;K) - <b>Abdul Majeed Bhat</b>,</p> <p>3- Laboratory bearer in Higher Education Department- <b>Abdul Salam Rather</b>,</p> <p>4- Teacher in Education Department- <b>Farooq Ahmad Mir</b></p>	<p>Helping Pakistani terror outfits, providing logistics to terrorists, propagating terrorists' ideology, raising terror finances and furthering secessionist agenda.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="https://www.indiatoday.com">indiatoday</a></p>
7.	18 Jul 2023	<p>1- <b>Faheem Aslam</b>, Kashmir University Public Relation Officer (PRO)</p> <p>2- <b>Murawath Hussain Mir</b>, (Revenue official)</p> <p>3- <b>Arshid Ahmad Thoker</b>, (Police constable)</p>	<p><b>Faheem</b> was 'planted' in Kashmir University in August 2008 by a terror-separatist kingpin close to JKDFP founder Shabir Shah, bypassing the mandatory recruitment process, to nourish and sustain pro-Pakistan activities on the campus.</p> <p><b>Murawath</b> - chief facilitator of extortions by terrorist outfits from the tehsil office staff in Pampore and Tral in the nineties and a key overground worker for Hizbul Mujahideen and JKLF</p> <p><b>Arshid Ahmad</b>- a high-grade narco-terrorist who misused his uniform to facilitate Jaish e Muhammed operatives in</p>	<p>Dismissed staffers, including the public relations officer (PRO) of the University of Kashmir.</p> <p><a href="https://www.timesofindia.com">timesofindia</a></p>

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8.	10 Jul 2021	<p>1- <b>Syed Ahmad Shakeel and Shahid Yousuf</b>, (sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief, Salahuddin)</p> <p>2- <b>Jabbar Ahmad Paray and Nisar Ahmad</b> (Education Department)</p> <p>3- <b>Shaheen Ahmad Lone</b> (Inspector of the Power Department)</p> <p>4- <b>Naaz M Allaie</b>, (Orderly of the Health Department)</p> <p>+ 7 Others</p>	<p><b>Syed Ahmad Shakeel and Shahid Yousuf</b>- involved in terror funding.</p> <p><b>Jabbar</b>- involved in furthering the secessionist agenda unleashed by the sponsors from Pakistan and are Jamat-e-Islami ideologists.</p> <p><b>Shaheen</b>- involved in smuggling and transporting arms for Hizbul Mujahideen.</p> <p><b>Naaz</b>- involvement in terrorist activities. Two dreaded terrorists were harboured by him at his residence.</p>	<p>Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="#">livemint</a></p>

9.	30 Mar 2022	<p>1- <b>Tawseef Ahmed Mir</b> ( Police Constable )</p> <p>2. <b>Ghulam Hassan</b> ( J&amp;K Govt3- <b>Arshid Ahmad</b> ( Teacher )</p> <p>4. <b>Shahid Hussain Rather</b> ( PSO)</p> <p>5. <b>Sharafat Ali Khan</b> ( SPO in J&amp;KPolice )</p>	<p><b>Tawseef Ahmed</b>- involved in Terroroutfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and had even tried to kill two of his police colleagues</p> <p><b>Ghulam Hassan</b>- member of Jamat-e-Islami (Jel), he was booked in 2009 by the police for organising a violent protest in Parimpora.</p> <p><b>Arshid Ahmad</b>- involved in Jel activities. He was close to the terroroutfit Hizb-Ul-Mujahideen and supported its terrorist activities under the guise of a teacher.</p> <p><b>Shahid</b>- deliver arms and ammunition to terrorists</p> <p><b>Sharafat</b>- involved in various terroroutfits and circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN).</p>	<p>Arrested &amp; Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="http://indiatoday">indiatoday</a></p>
10.	13 Aug 2022	<p>1- <b>Assabah-ul-Arjamand Khan</b> (J&amp;KAdministrative Services officer) wife of Bitta Karate, who is facing terror charges related to the killing of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s</p> <p>2- <b>Syed Abdul Mueed</b>, IT manager in J&amp;K Entrepreneurship Development Institute (son of Syed Salahudin)</p> <p>3- <b>Dr. Muheet Ahmad Bhat</b>, Scientist-D in Post-Graduate Department of Computer Science</p> <p>4- <b>Majid Hussain Qadri</b>, SeniorAssistant Professor</p>	<p>Involved in ferrying consignment of money for funding anti-India activities in Jammu and Kashmir, and giving false information for the procurement of a passport.</p>	<p>Dismissal from service.</p> <p><a href="http://deccanchronicle">deccanchronicle</a></p>

11.	15 Oct 2022	<p>1. Central Cooperative Bank Ltd - <b>Afaq Ahmad Wani</b></p> <p>2. Constable in the Auxiliary wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police - <b>Tanveer Saleem Dar</b></p> <p>3. Village-level worker - <b>Syed Iftikhar Andrabi</b></p> <p>4. Chowkidar in Jal Shakti Department at Baramulla - <b>Irshad Ahmad Khan</b></p>	They have been found involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the security of the state	Dismissal from service. <a href="http://tribuneindia.com">tribuneindia</a>
12.	3 May 2021	Teacher, Government Middle School, Kralpora, Kupwara - <b>Mr. Idrees Jan</b>	Involved in anti-national activities in Jammu and Kashmir.	Dismissal from service. <a href="http://daijiworld.com">daijiworld.</a>
13.	Sep 22, 2021	<p>1. A teacher from Anantnag - <b>Hamid Wani</b></p> <p>2. A constable of Jammu &amp; Kashmir police from Kishtwar - <b>Jaffer Hussain Butt</b></p> <p>3. Road and building department as a junior engineer from Kishtwar - <b>Mohammad Rafi</b></p> <p>4. A teacher from Baramulla - <b>Liyakat Ali Kakru</b></p> <p>5. Ranger in the forest department from Poonch - <b>Tariq Mehmood Kohli</b></p> <p>6. Police constable from</p>	<p><b>Hamid Wani</b> -was the district commander of the terrorist outfit Allah Tigers before joining government service. He reportedly secured the employment without any selection process by leveraging Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) influence.</p> <p><b>Jaffer Hussain Butt</b>- was arrested and charged by the NIA after an investigation revealed that he provided his vehicle to Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists and facilitated their safe movement. He has been out on bail since September 2019.</p>	sacked for working as overground workers of militant groups <a href="http://indiatoday.com">indiatoday</a>

		Badgam - <b>Saukat Ahmed Khan</b>	<p><b>Mohammad Rafi</b> - He was arrested for providing logistical support to Hizbul terrorists in Kishtwar and a safe environment to execute terror plans. He is also out on bail.</p> <p><b>Liyakat Ali Kakru</b> - He was a locally trained terrorist. Explosive materials were recovered from his possession.</p> <p><b>Tariq Mehmood Kohli</b> - He was involved in smuggling of arms, ammunition, explosives and Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) from Pakistan. He has been in touch with active militants.</p> <p><b>Saukat Ahmed Khan</b> - He was involved in looting weapons from the house of a Legislative Council member with whom he was posted as a PSO.</p>	
14.	12 Jan 2020	<p>1- DSP Devinder Singh</p> <p>2- <b>Naveed Ahmad Shah alias Naveed</b> Babu, (Police officer)</p> <p>3- <b>Rafi Ahmed</b>,(Police officer)</p>	<p>In an incident that sent shockwaves across government administration, In 2020, a DSP named Devinder Singh was caught with top Hizbul terrorists .</p> <p>In 2021, a special task force was formed to check government employees in J and k .</p>	<p>Detained and Terminated from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration</p> <p><a href="https://www.indiatoday.com">indiatoday</a></p>