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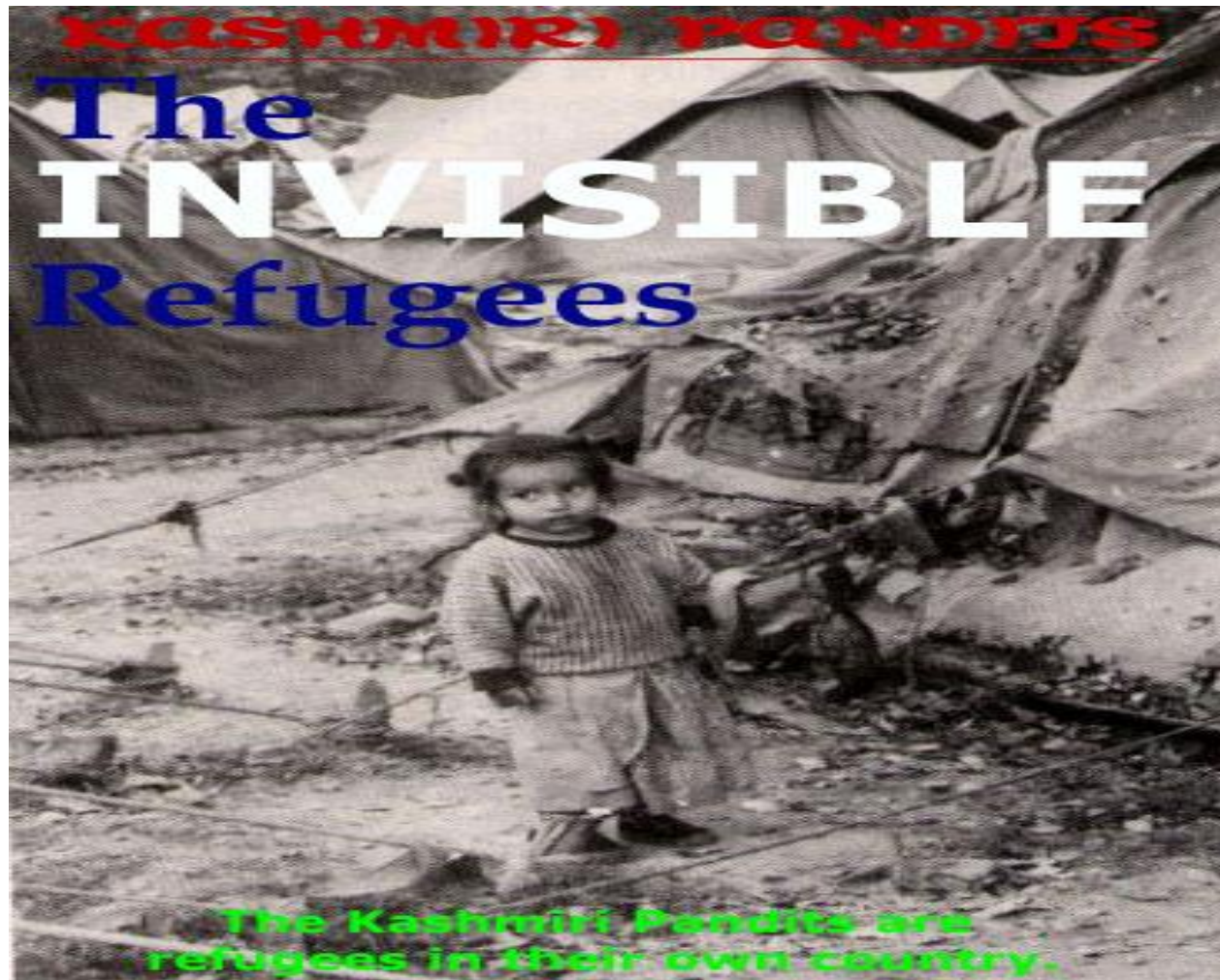
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Kashmir Hindu's Agony – The Invisible Refugees

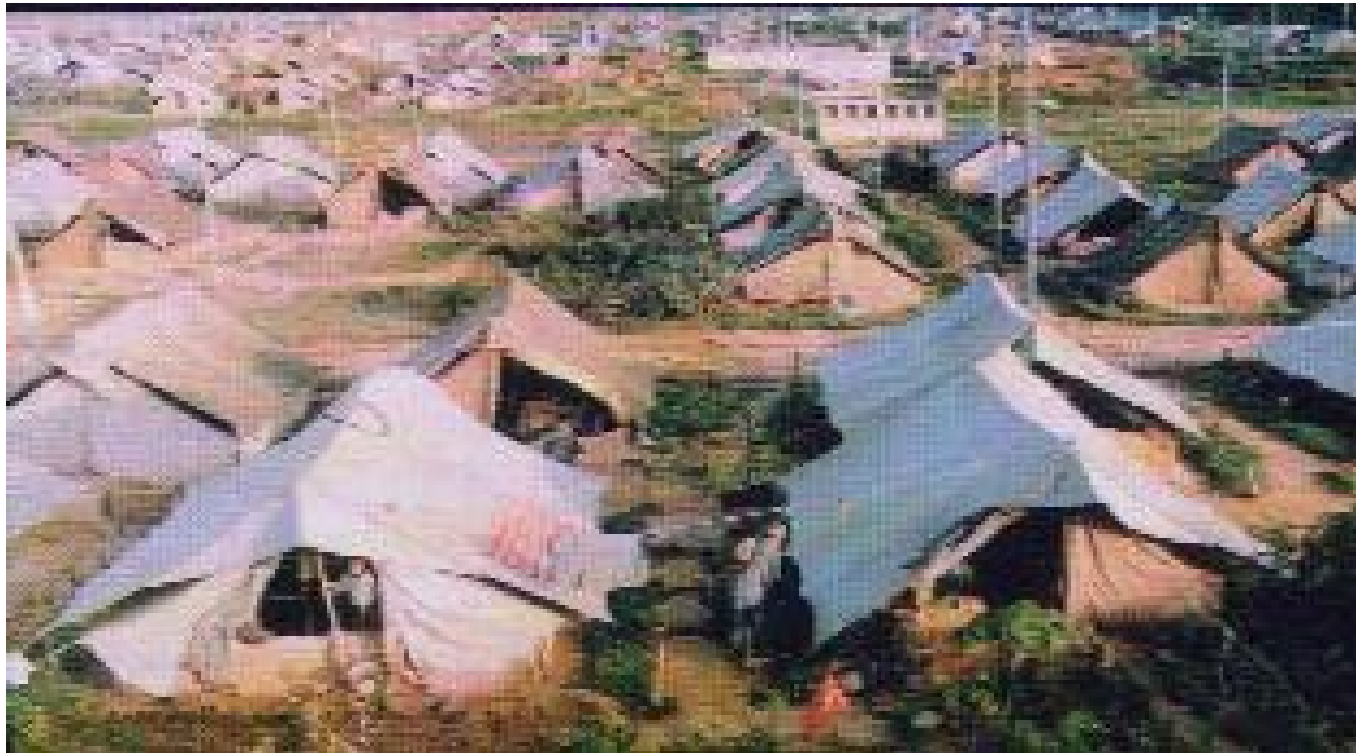


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Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Our temporary homeland



Most of the Pandit refugees, mislabeled as "migrants", live in squalid camps with spiralling health and economic problems. That the Muslim-led state government of Jammu and Kashmir has ignored their plight comes as no surprise since the oppression of Kashmiri Pandits did not start in 1989, but much earlier. Between 1947 and 1989, hundreds of thousands of Kashmiri Pandits had left the valley to escape oppression by the Muslim majority.

Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Waiting for final call...



Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Childhood lost in camps...



It is clear that the return of the nearly half a million Kashmiri Pandits to their native land will not be facilitated simply by the end of Pakistani-inspired terrorism in the state. While a cessation of the targeting of Pandits by Islamic terrorists in the state is the essential first step, an end to the oppression by majority Muslims would be the next essential step to enable the Pandits to return as equal citizens.

Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Unsung Innocent Heroes...

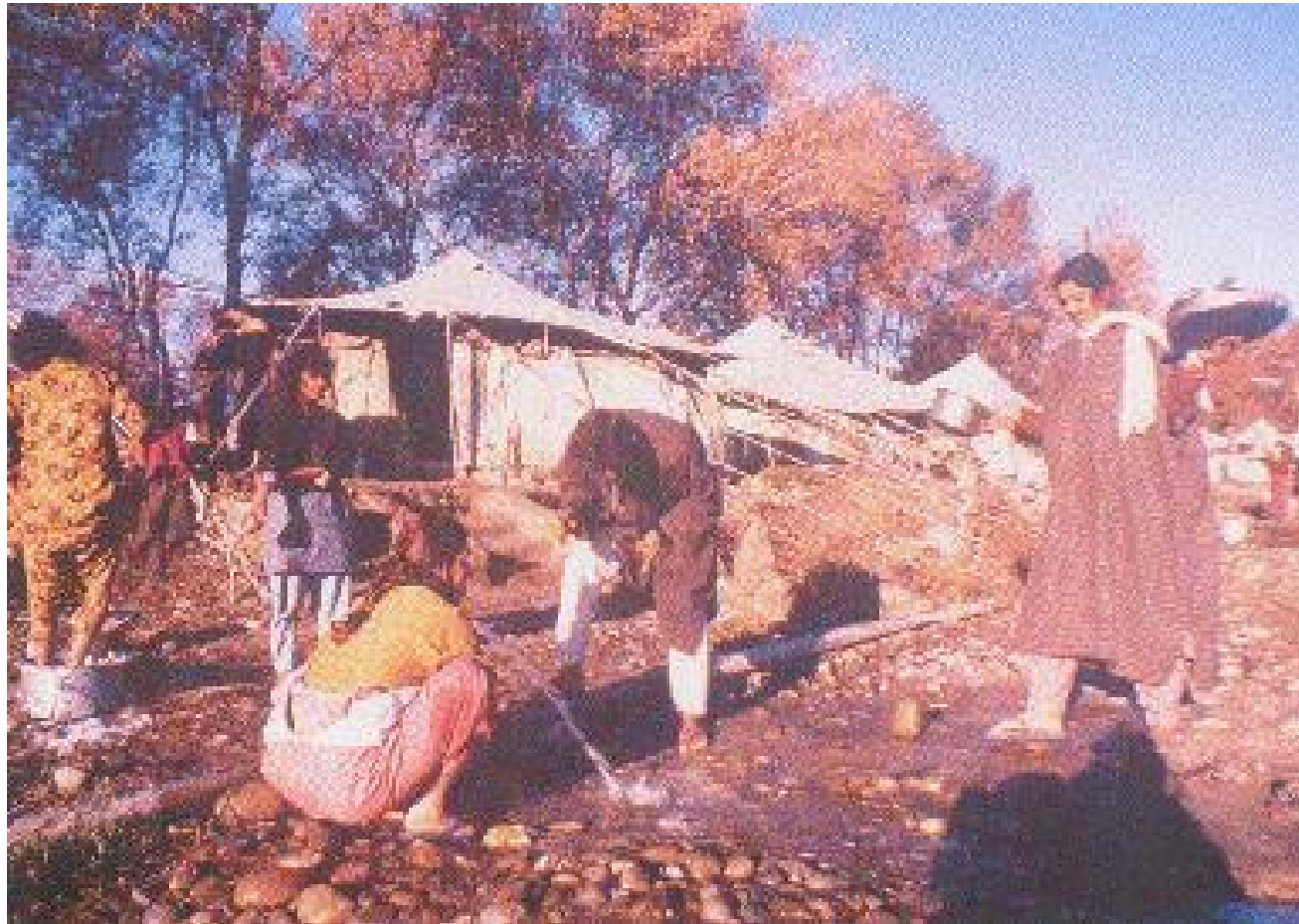
THE MASSACRE OF 23 PANDITS

The felons came with the fox's smile. The trusting but targetted sleepy innocents served them Kashmiri customary tea. In a minute the young and old were razed to dust and ash.



Not even the little ones were spared. Two sucklings butchered at point blank range.

Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Day-to-Day Survival...



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Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Cost of being a Proud Indian..



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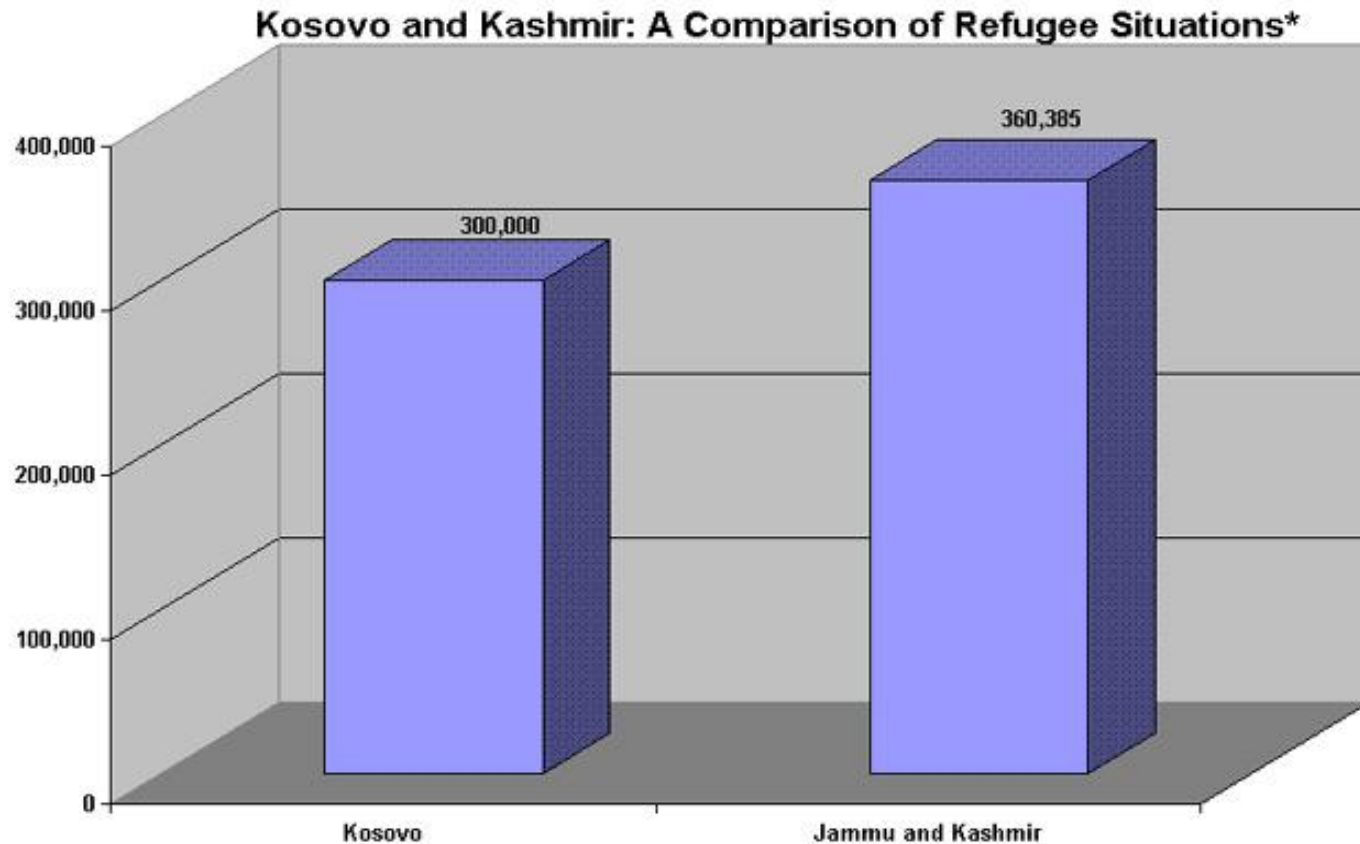
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Kashmiri Hindu's Agony – Is Anyone Secure?



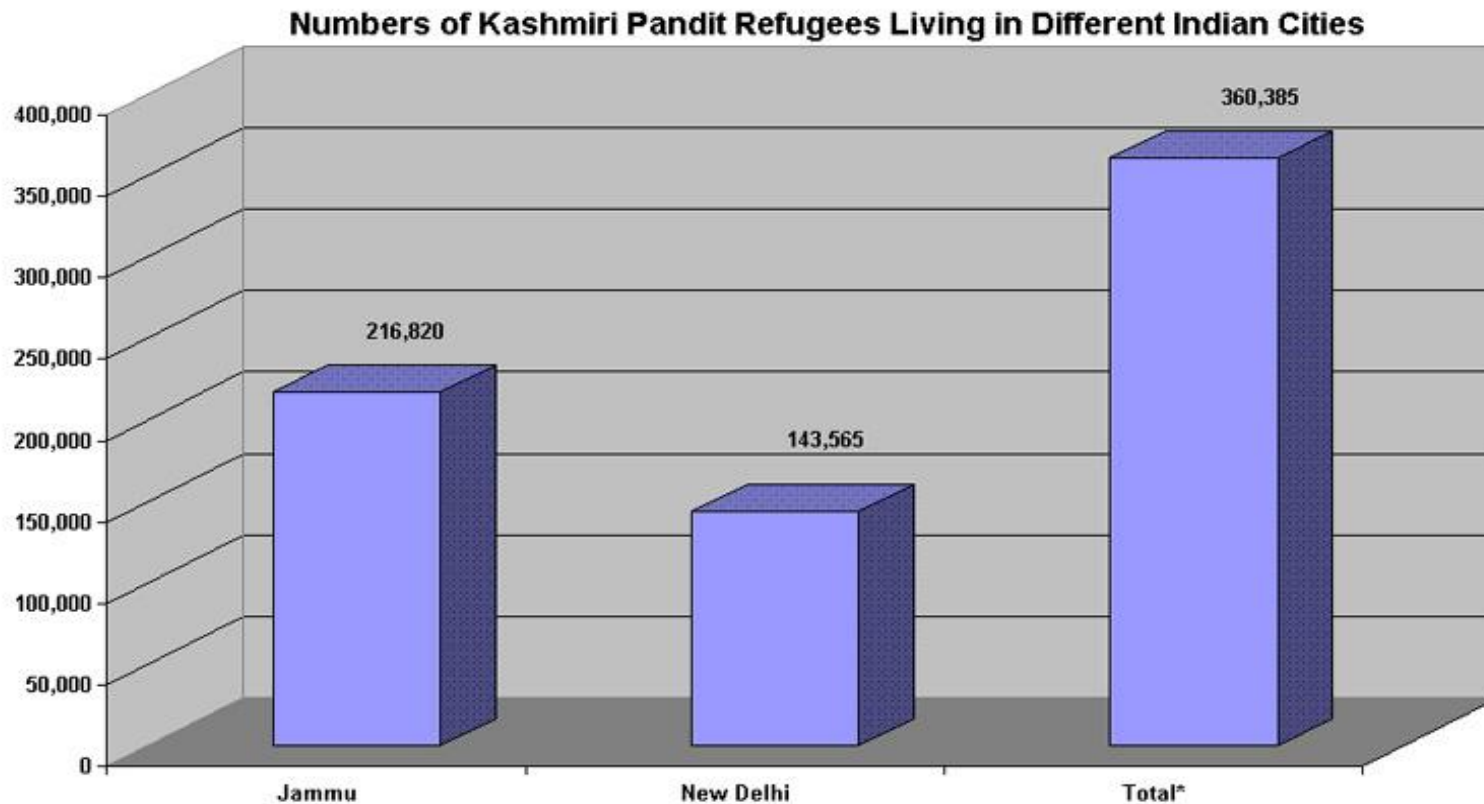
Kashmir Hindu's Agony – Who cares about Human Lives?



*300,000 Ethnic Albanian Kosovo refugees prompted the NATO campaign against Serbia in spring 1999.

*Nearly 400,000 Kashmiri Pandit refugees live in migrant camps after expulsion by Islamic terrorists from Kashmir Valley in 1990.

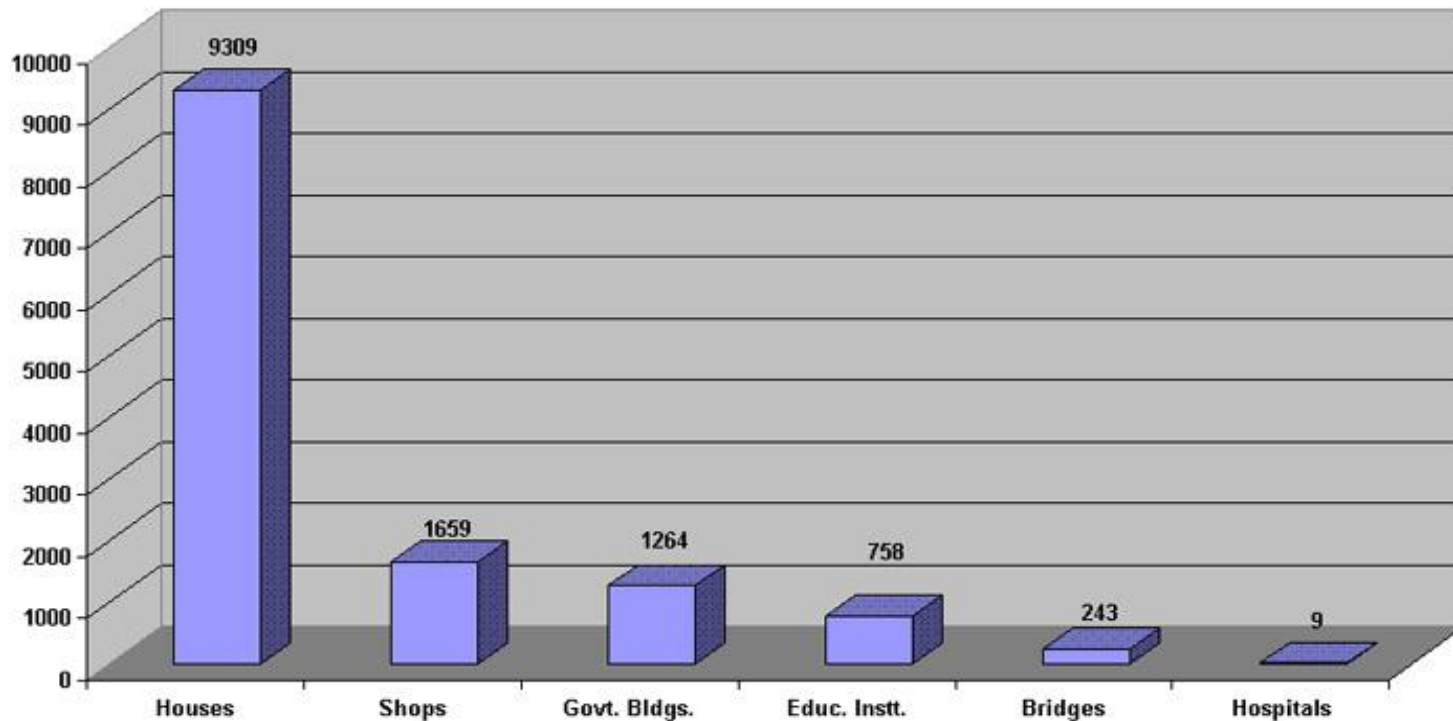
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Data from Rediff.com, July 13, 1999. The report lists numbers of Kashmiri Pandit families who were forced out of Kashmir valley in the 1989-1991 period. The number of individuals reported in this chart is arrived at by assuming an average family size of 5. The total number is incomplete - thousands of other "migrants" are currently located in other cities of India.

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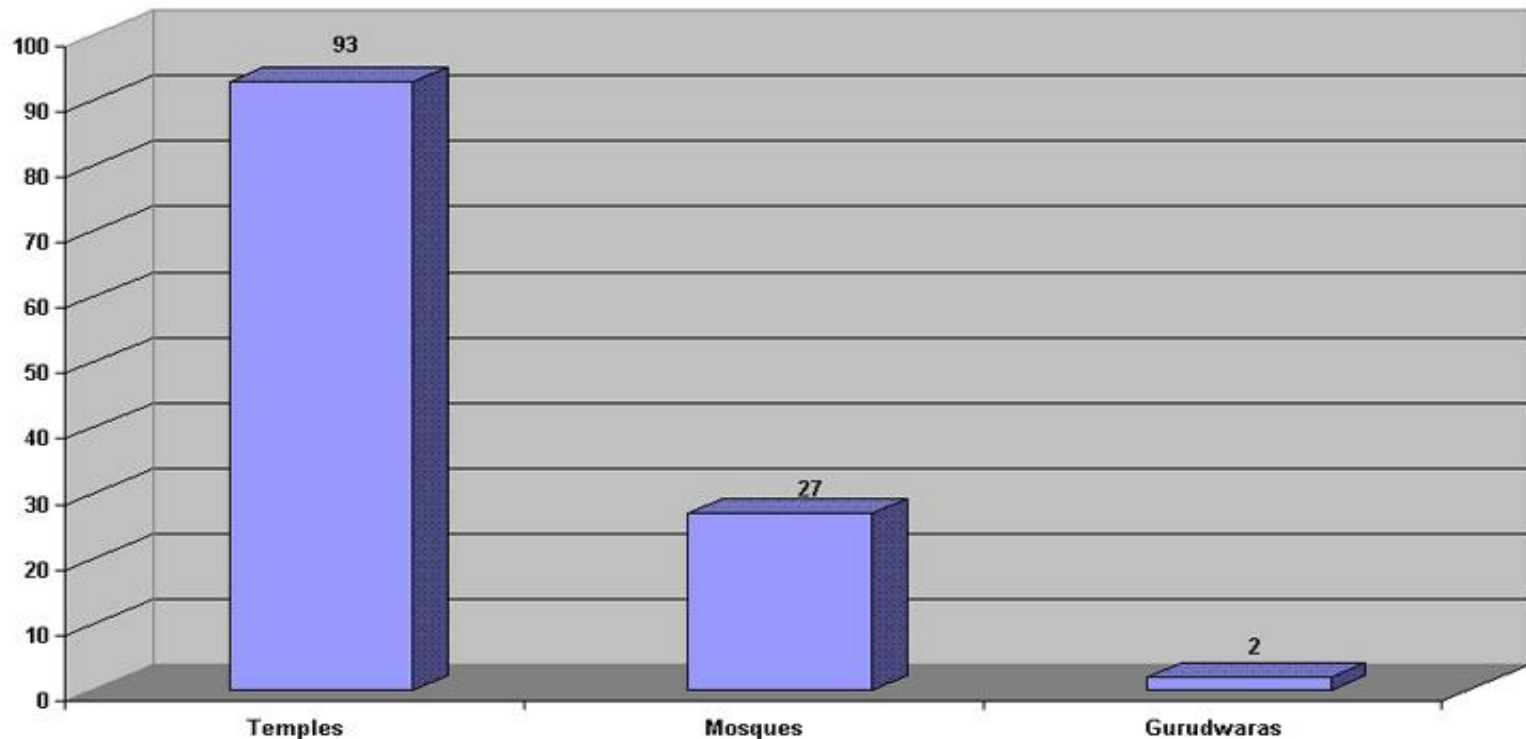
**Glimpses of the Terror That Drove Kashmiri Pandits Out:
Destruction of Buildings in Jammu and Kashmir by Islamic Terrorists, 1990-1997**



Data indicates number of buildings destroyed by Pakistan-aided Islamic terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir. Most data taken from Rediff.com, July 13, 1999. A majority of houses (5608) destroyed were those of Kashmiri Pandits (Hindustan Times, Dec. 25, 1998)

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Glimpses of the Terror That Drove Kashmiri Pandits Out: Religious Places Destroyed in Jammu and Kashmir by Islamic Terrorists, 1990-1997



Data indicates number of religious buildings destroyed by Pakistan-aided Islamic terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir. Data taken from Rediff.com, July 13, 1999. The selective targeting against Hindus is evident from the 3.5-fold higher number of destroyed temples compared to mosques in a Muslim majority state.



Q & A.