

# Arrests Of Youths 'Arbitrary Action'

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**Jammu:** A day after the Supreme Court held the appointment Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) illegal, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Friday accepted his responsibility, saying "I accept the responsibility for choosing P J Thomas as Central Vigilance Commissioner and I accept the judgment of the Supreme Court."

The Prime Minister was speaking at a press conference here after inaugurating the satellite township for Kashmiri migrants at Jagti near Nagrota. To a question on Kashmiri separatists not meeting the official interlocutors, he replied: "I am hopeful that they would meet the interlocutors in near future to find a solution to the Kashmir crisis.... Peace has dawned on the state after the visit of parliamentary delegation and subsequent appointment of interlocutors. And with this, a political dialogue has commenced."

Replying to another question, he said he would talk to Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah about reports of the arrests of Kashmiri youths. "I will not shy away from saying that it is an arbitrary action and should not be pursued," he said.

He inaugurated the housing complex for Kashmiri migrants earlier, where he handed over allotment orders to 12 beneficiaries — 3 each from Kashmiri Pandit Migrant camps at Muthi, Purkhoo, Nagrota and Mishriwala. The satellite township envisages construction of 4,218 two-room flats, out of which 2,112 have been completed. Allotments would start in April, once all the flats are completed by this month end.