

With regard to the FERA.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: At are the salient recommendations?

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM: At the moment, it will be fair for me to say that they have insisted and said that a lot of unnecessary formalities which are provided for in the Companies Act would be removed. We would like to bring in a lot of automisation in the matter of approvals. We have also strengthened the investor protection. We are increasing the penalties with regard to violations in a major way. Instead of mere fines, we are also bringing in penal provisions. These are generally the salient features on which we are going. We are definitely reducing the bulkiness of the Act....(*Interruptions*)

SHRISOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Nothing has been done. It is only on paper...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM: I would disagree with that. If you want I can give you the figures, where thousands of prosecutions have been launched....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Anyway, this is going to come up for discussion later.

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM: This is definitely going to come up for discussion when the Bill is moved.

With regard to Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, the process of consulting experts is on and we shall definitely consult experts.

Firing by Pakistani Troops

*23 SHRI UDAYSINGRAO
GAIKWAD:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been continuous provocation from Pakistani army recently and many a time the Indian troops were fired at along Indo-Pak border in J & K, Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) whether meetings of the Area Commanders of both the countries were held to ease the situation; and

(c) if so, the out-come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There have been several instances of unprovoked firing by the Pakistani Army along the LOC in J & K. As regards the International Border in Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat, while there has been no instance of Pak Army firing, Pak Rangers resorted to fire on BSF positions on a number of occasions during the last three months in a bid to push through extremists into India through the Punjab border.

(b) and (c). There have been a number of meetings between Indian and Pakistani Commanders, at various levels, in J & K, in September and October 1991. The Director General Military Operations of both countries have also been maintaining telephonic contact with each other. Consequently, since the middle of October there has been some decrease in the volume of fire exchanged along most of the LOC.

SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: It has been admitted by the hon. Minister that there have been several firing incidents on the Indo-Pak border. I would like to know from the hon. Minister that during the firing while pushing the extremists into the Indian border, how many persons have been killed, how many have been injured and how many have been arrested as on date.

MR. SPEAKER: Statistics can be supplied to you in writing by the Minister.

SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: It

has also been admitted by hon. Minister that officers from both the sides had several meetings. Even after that, within few days, there was again firing. What action has the Government taken to prevent occurrence of such incidents of firing?

SHRIS. KRISHANKUMAR: There have been a series of meetings between the Directors-General of Military Operation of both the countries. India's attempt has always been to de-escalate the tensions resulting from Pakistan's firing across the border and our responses to it. In October, 1991 there was an agreement between the two Directors-General for de-escalation especially in the use of heavier arms in the firing. There has been some violations by Pakistan especially in the Kargil sector after the agreement between the Directors-General. Whenever they violated, we had responded in equal measure to repulse it. This is a continuous process. And we are always ready to meet any challenge from across the border while at the same time trying to de-escalate the tension on the border.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: In this connection I would like to know as to why it was not discussed at the Ministers level and at the level of Heads of the States. Since the Pakistanis are indulging in such provocative acts, I would like to know whether any talks have been held at the Defence Ministers and Prime Ministers level. If there is any proposal to have such talks, please let us know so that such events do not recur.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Talks were held at the Foreign Secretaries level in this regard and it has been agreed that efforts would be made from both the sides not to create such a situation along the border. No further talks other than this has been held at Ministers or Prime Ministers level.

[*English*]

SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Recently, the Prime

Minister of Pakistan has openly declared that his country will positively help extremists on all fronts.

MR. SPEAKER: That different question. This is nothing to do with this incident.

SHRI ANNA JOSHI: My second question is what is the month-wise tally of unprovoked firing during the last three-months on the borders of Punjab, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir and what are the plans of the Government to destroy the training centres numbering 57 along the borders of the States?

MR. SPEAKER: The second question does not arise. As far as first question is concerned, if you want, you can reply in writing.

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Sir, the Pakistan Army resorts to bombardment, infiltration and theft regularly on our border in the western sector. I would like to bring to your notice that when the hon. Prime Minister visited Kutch for electioneering, two Pakistani helicopters were seen inside our territory along the border in Gujarat. This is a very serious matter. It is the question of the security of our hon. Prime Minister. Sir, through you, I would like to know whether the hon. Defence Minister is aware of the incident and what action did we take when the Pakistani Helicopters were seen inside our territory along the border during the visit of the Prime Minister.

[*English*]

SHRI SHARD PAWAR: We lodged our protest.

[*Translation*]

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Sir, is it a fact that the Pak Rangers had used artillery so as to facilitate infiltration of their terrorists into Indian territory. If so, was not a situation as dangerous as war created? Is it also a fact

that our army could not hand over all the dead bodies of Pakistani Rangers and terrorists and the Pakistani terrorists dragged them into their side of the border? Please clarify it.

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: So far as killing by artillery is concerned, such incidents took place on two places, Kargil Sector and Kirani sector. In these incidents some Pakistanis had been killed and their dead bodies were carried away by their own colleagues.

[English]

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: There are two types of firing which takes place on the borders. One is called operational firing and another is called incidental firing. There have been large instances.

MR. SPEAKER: You have to ask the question. You do not have to. You ask a question and the Minister is quite capable of answering it?

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: As far as incidental firing is concerned, they are caused by small problems on the border. My question is what action are we taking to ensure that these incidental firings which occur from both sides—not only from our side, from both sides—causing lot of tensions on the border and hardship to the troops staying on the border itself because they have to move in the night and also what action are we taking to control the firing which are taking place on the border on small matters which are purely incidental?

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: Sir, the hon. Member is correct to this extent that some amount of firing takes place because of construction of bunkers and other activities by Pakistan close to the line of control. But, all these issues are matters of continuous dialogue and discussion between the Directors-General of Military Operation and as I said this is a continuous process.

[Translation]

PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Defence Minister stated in his reply that a meeting at the foreign secretaries-level was held. The main question was whether any meeting of the commanders was held. I want to know it because Pakistan has adopted an offensive attitude and unrest is taking place in our country. Is the Ministry of Defence satisfied that mere talks at Defence-secretaries level is enough or whether our Government would take measures to hold talks at the diplomatic level so that dialogues could be exchanged at higher levels. Will the Government try to take repulsive measures by our army to relate Pakistani infiltration. I would like to have a categorical reply.

[English]

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR: We have sent our military delegation to Islamabad, Pakistan about two months back and there was a detailed discussion about this type of incidents. By and large, whatever agreement was reached there, after that meeting, there are not so many incidents. There are some minor incidents but there is a little bit improvement in the border situation.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to the number of incidents where firing by Pakistani forces was resorted to provide cover to various people intruding into the Indian territory.

MR. SPEAKER: No, that kind of statistics will be supplied later on.

Widening and development of Cuttack-Calcutta Section of National Highway No.5

*26 **SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:**
DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: