WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Seizure of Pilotless Aircraft in Rajouri

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security forces in J & K have recently seized two micorlight pilotless aircraft from the border areas of Rajouri;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted to know as to how the pilotless aircraft entered our territory;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the responsibility fixed in this regard and the steps taken to strengthen our borders to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) There is no report of recovery of any micro-light pilotless aircraft in J&K. Two aeromodels are, however, reported to have been recovered by J&K police in Rajouri district on 5th Nov., 98. Details of the aero-models recovered are as under:--

- (a) Made of Balsa wood from Taiwan, with a Japanese engine.
- (b) Length of the model is six feet with a wing span of six feet.
- (c) Radio control set with four channels.
- (d) Total weight is 4.5 kg with a payload of 500 g to one kg.
- (e) Capable of achieving speeds of 80-100 kmph and fly upto 4000' to 5000' above ground level.
- (f) Can be manoeuvred by a handler within a radius of 1 to 1.5 km based on line of sight and fly up to 20 to 30 minutes at a stretch.

The investigation is being carried out by the local police. The Security Forces are maintaining constant vigil on the borders.

[Translation]

Pak Firing on Indo-Pak Border Areas

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

 (a) the total number of firing incidents from Pak side on the Indo-Pak border areas during the last six months date-wise and place-wise;

(b) the total number of civilians and soldiers killed and injured on both sides in such clashes and the quantum of property damaged, incident-wise; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to protect the lives and property of the people living in these border areas and the extent of compensation paid to the wards of the affected villagers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The number of incidents of exchanges of fire on the Indo-Pak border in J&K in the last six months (May to October 98) are as follows:—

- (a) Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) 176
- (b) Line of Control (LOC) 1751
- (c) International Border (IB) 174

Details of casualties for last six months are as under (May to Oct. 98):---

	Security Personnel		Civilian		Pak
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed/ Wounded
AGPL	15	30		-	230
LOC	52	232	. 31	98	319
IB	01	11	02	17	25