

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1814

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000

SITUATION ON INDO PAK BORDER

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Pakistani activities currently noticed by Indian Armed Forces on various places of Indo-Pak border;
- (b) the details of places and Army camps where Pakistani forces resorted to fire on various points of Line of Control and elsewhere since August till date, place-wise and date-wise;
- (c) the details of casualties suffered on both sides amongst civilians and jawans of Armed forces in each of the firing incidents; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the national security and to prevent such incidents? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. FOR 30.11.2000

Pakistani activities in the Indo-Pak border comprise activities along the Line of Control (LC) in Jammu & Kashmir and activities along the International Border (IB). Activities along the LC include artillery and small arms firing, infiltration of militants and attempted raids on isolated vulnerable posts. There are reports of Pakistan army formations conducting Winter Collective Training opposite International Border in their known training areas and operation locations.

As Pakistan resorts to unprovoked firing as a regular day-to-day phenomenon to abet infiltration and inflict casualties on our troops, it is not practical to give datewise and placewise details of places and Army camps where Pakistan has resorted to firing since August. The details of fatal casualties suffered by Indian Army due to hostile activities from Pakistan side from August to 31st October 2000 are as under, as per available information :-

Officers	JCOs	Other Ranks	Total
05	-	21	26

Estimated Pakistani casualties between August and October, 2000 are around 410. The number of civilian casualties on our side is being ascertained.

All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are being taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of elements hostile to India.