

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:389

ANSWERED ON:20.11.2001

PAK SHELLING IN J & K

A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of villagers killed/injured in Pakistani shelling in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) The steps taken by the Government for the safety of villagers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As informed by the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, with effect from January 1, 2001 to November 15, 2001, 4492 incidents of shelling/firing were reported on the Line of Control and along International Border. In these incidents, 08 civilians were killed and 57 injured.

(b): Biannual as well as frequent flag meetings at the level of local Commanders are held regularly with Pak Rangers in an attempt to bring down the incidents of unprovoked firing at International Border. Government has also undertaken fencing/floodlighting of the International Border. As regards LoC, construction of Bunkers has been undertaken at Uri, Boniyar and Gurez Blocks as also in Kargil District.