

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2839

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001

ROLE OF TERRITORIAL ARMY IN COUNTER INSURGENCY OPERATIONS .

BALARAMA KRISHNA MURTHY KARNAM;CHANDRA NATH SINGH;CHELLAMELLA SUGUNA KUMARI;GADDE
RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;NAMDEO HARBAJI DWATHE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which territorial army helping in the counter insurgency operations in the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) the number of units of Territorial Army deployed in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (c) whether the strength of the Territorial Army proposed to be increased in view of disturbed borders and insurgency problems; and
- (d) if so, the details thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Territorial Army units have been deployed on the counter-terrorism grid, primarily for relieving regular army units from static security duties. Nine Infantry Battalions of Territorial Army are deployed in Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) & (d): While it is not proposed, at this stage, to increase the overall strength of the Territorial Army, certain steps regarding restructuring of the organization have already been initiated.