

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PASSING ON OF SECRET DEFENCE DOCUMENTS TO ISI AGENTS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(c) whether several officials of the Defence forces have been found passing on classified and secret documents to ISI agents in the country during 2000 and 2001;

(c) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action against the persons involved in such incidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tone up its intelligence network to check such activities of Defence officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): Some officials of the Defence forces (including the civilian employees) have been found passing on secret and classified documents to ISI agents of Pakistan during 2000 and 2001 and appropriate action was initiated against all such personnel under the Official Secrets Act/IPC. Government have taken several security measures and steps to tone up its intelligence network to check such nefarious activities and to ensure that such incidents do not occur in future. Some of the steps taken in this regard include: deployment of additional Surveillance Teams in conjunction with IB to carry out checks; deployment of additional security troops for access control within the Defence Security Zone; deployment of electronic equipment to tone up security measures; security briefing to civilian Gazetted/non-Gazetted officers every month to apprise them of Departmental security instructions and to make them security conscious. Senior Officers of the Ministry/Service Headquarters/Inter Service Organisations have also been given briefing by IB officials on complete security scenario and preventive action to be taken. It is not in public interest to disclose further details.