

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:5  
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000  
PAKISTANI ATTACKS ON INDIAN POSITIONS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Pakistani Forces attacked Indian positions across the Line of Control on January 22, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with other border violations committed by Pakistani Army on Indo-Pak Borders during the last three months, date-wise and place-wise;
- (c) the details of casualties and other losses suffered on both sides, incident-wise; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto and the remedial steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 5 FOR 24.2.2000.

On 22nd January, 2000 at 0500 hours Pakistan Army attempted to capture one of our posts in the Akhnoor Sector. The attack was preceded by mortar and small arms fire. Own troops deployed along the Line of Control in the sector repulsed the attack. 17 Pak soldiers were killed and 05 or 06 wounded. Five bodies including that of a Pakistan Army officer and 11 weapons were recovered from the place of the incident. The bodies were handed over to Pakistan on 27th January, 2000 at Chakla Post at the request of the Pakistan authorities.

In another incident the Pakistan army laid an ambush against our telephone line repair Party on 15th February, 2000 at 2145 hours on our side of the LOC in the Bimber Gali sector of Rajouri in J&K. In this action four Indian soldiers were killed and other personal weapons were taken by the Pakistanis. The Pakistan casualties are not known. Three bodies were recovered on our side of the LOC.

In the last three months, in addition to the attempts mentioned above, Pakistan had made two similar attempts. On 9th November, 1999 an attempt to capture one of our posts in the Uri/Rampur sector was foiled. 17 Pakistani soldiers were killed. Four Pakistani weapons were also recovered. Our casualties were three killed and nine wounded. On 31st December, 1999 Pakistani soldiers attempted to capture a post in the Northern Glacier Sub Sector in Siachen. The attack was repulsed. There were no casualties to our troops. The Pakistan casualties are not known. All developments on the border are constantly monitored and appropriate measures continue to be taken to frustrate any attempt at misadventure on the part of our adversaries. The issue has also been taken up through diplomatic channels and the periodic conversation that our Director General Military Operations has with his Pakistani counterpart.