

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2456

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ACTIVITIES OF NEPALI PORTERS

ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;BHASKAR RAO PATIL;CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;CHARAN DAS MAHANT;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of over 400 Nepali Porters who were working with the Army during the Kargil war have joined hands with ISI agents;

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to check the activities of Nepali Porters?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No reports related to Nepali porters, who were employed by the Army during Kargil conflict, having joined hands with ISI agents, have been received by the Government.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.