

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2509
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FIRING RANGES TAKEN OVER FROM ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun is going to lose its massive live firing range at Asan near Dehra Dun;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of field firing ranges which have been taken over from Army during last three years, and its impact on military training; and
- (d) the alternative arrangements being made/proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) The firing range at Asan is notified upto 13th September 2004 and its notification will be renewed thereafter, on expiry.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No ranges have been taken over from the Army during the last three years.
- (d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.