

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2611  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2003  
VISIT OF DIPLOMATS TO FORWARD AREA  
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether diplomats from 19 countries stationed in New Delhi were taken to forward and confronted with militants from Pakistan and weapons used by them;
- (b) whether they were taken to forward areas of Baramulla district where 15 militants who tried to infiltrate from across the border were shot dead; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Defence Attaches (DAs) from 19 countries stationed in New Delhi were taken to forward areas of Jammu & Kashmir State on 29.9.2003. While the group did not meet any apprehended terrorist, the weapons and equipment captured from terrorists were shown to them during this visit.

However, on 7.10.2003, one captured terrorist, a Pakistani national, named Mohammed Shahzad, belonging to Lashkar E Tayyeba (LET), a terrorist organisation, was produced before the DAs in New Delhi.

(b)&(c): A few selected DAs were taken in a helicopter and given an overview of the site in Baramulla District, where a major infiltration bid from across the border was foiled by the Indian troops.