

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PAK ACTIVITIES IN BORDER AREAS
ABDUL HAMID;RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan's military activities along the Punjab-Rajasthan-Kutch border have increased in recent days following the Indian Army and Air Force's combined 'war exercise' in the desert sector in February; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures being taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Certain military activities and troop movements, readjustments and reinforcements on the Pakistani side opposite Punjab, Rajasthan and Kutch/creek in Gujarat have been reported.

All appropriate measures continue to be taken to deal with any situation.