

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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KARGIL'S UNTOLD STORY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report appeared in the "Indian Express" of May 26, 2000 under the caption "Kargil's untold story: India won a war, lost one at home";

(b) if so, the extent to which the conclusions drawn that the Kargil war left a far more porous and vulnerable LoC and borders with concentrations and heavy influx of armed militants, find accord with ground realities; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to augment the security along the borders and the LoC and to plug the gaps pointed out therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): It is not correct that the border is now porous. In fact the deployment of troops has since been augmented and all routes of ingress are being guarded or patrolled. All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of our adversaries.