

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5162
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000
PERSONS KILLED BY ARMY IN ANANTNAG
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that innocent persons have recently been killed by the Army in the name of militants in Anantnag;
- (b) if so, the facts in that regard;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d) : A specific search operation, based on information provided by J&K Police, was launched jointly by Rashtriya Rifles and J&K Police in Anantnag District on 25.3.2000 in which five terrorists were killed. Five Assault Rifles, twelve magazines, six detonators (two with timed devices), two grenade launcher attachments, two hand grenades and some ammunition were recovered.

An inquiry into the incident has been ordered by the State Government.