

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:431
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SITUATION ON INDO-PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Pakistani activities currently noticed by Indian Armed Forces on various places of Indo-Pak border;
- (b) the details of places where Pakistani Forces resorted to fire on various points of Line of Control during the recent past;
- (c) the details of casualties suffered on both sides amongst civilians and jawans of Armed Forces in each of the above firing incidents; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the national security?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 431 FOR 24.8.2000

Pakistani activities along the Indo-Pak border include artillery and small arms firing, infiltration of terrorists and attempted raids on isolated vulnerable posts along the Line of Control. In addition, there are also reports of Pakistan army reserve formations having moved opposite J&K as also Pakistan army formations conducting training opposite J&K.

Firing along the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL), Line of Control (LOC) and International Boundary (IB) in J&K is a regular phenomenon. Pakistani troops resort to unprovoked firing in order to facilitate infiltration with the aim of perpetuating militancy in J&K and projecting J&K as the flash point to the international community.

During the period from 1st January, 2000 to 30th June, 2000, 47 army personnel have been killed on our side due to exchange of fire on the Line of Control. On Pakistan side 502 soldiers are reported to have been killed/wounded. Civilian casualties on Pak side are not known. Civilian casualties on our side are being ascertained.