GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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INFILTRATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of infiltration reported alongwith the number of infiltrators apprehended during the last six months across the Indo-Pak border:
- (b) whether more than 5000 infiltrators have already entered into the Indian territory as per the reports received from the Jammu and Kashmir State;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof;
- (d) whether necessity to strengthen the border security to check the illegal infiltration across the border is being felt;
- (e) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate a plan to check intrusion and to deploy the ex-servicemen on the border;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; (g) whether the objective behind this plan is to compel Pakistan to leave anti-India policy on Kashmir; and (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a)During the last six months, 163 infiltrators have been apprehended by the security forces on the Indo-Pak International border. (b)&(c) As per estimates of the security agencies, a good number of infiltrators including foreign mercenaries have infiltrated into Jammu & Kashmir during 1999.

(d)to(h) The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach, comprising of additional deployment of Security Forces, setting up of Border Observation Posts, erection of fencing/flood lighting in vulnerable areas, improved weaponery and equipment for security forces, gearing up of intelligency machinary etc. for greater vigilance along the International Border/Line of Control to check infiltration and other subversive activities. Proactive action against the militants in the hinterland have also been undertaken with a view to defeat Pakistan sponsored terrorism in J&K and rest of the country.