

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY FOR COUNTER INSURGENCY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Command General Officer Commanding-in-Chief said on the "Kargil Divas" that counter insurgency was a secondary task of the Army for which it should not be 'overly committed' as there were State agencies for the task and that the Army should be called to tackle insurgency as a last resort; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is of the view that the deployment of the Army to tackle insurgency needs to be done in exceptional situations when it becomes inescapable.