

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MILITANT ACTIVITIES IN J & K  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the improved ties with Pakistan have not reduced militant activities as infiltration attempts are still occurring and militants getting trained across border;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that militants are still operating their activities from LoC and PoK;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the number of infiltration incidents occurred during the last three months?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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There has been a perceptible decline in the terrorist activities in 2004 as compared to the previous two years. However, there is no evidence to suggest that long term steps have been initiated by Pakistan to dismantle the infrastructure supporting terrorism in the area under its control.

In order to strengthen the security measures Government has taken various steps like construction of a fence along the Line of Control (LoC), counter infiltration deployment of troops, deployment of sensors and electronic devices in conjunction with the fence to check infiltration. Besides this, civic action program `Operation Sadbhavana` has been launched with the aim of winning `hearts and minds` of the people. The criticality of the fulfillment of President Musharraf's commitment of 6th January 2004 not to permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner has also been emphasized upon Pakistan through diplomatic channels.

According to inputs available with the Government, 16 terrorists are assessed to have infiltrated in the period 1 st January - 31 st March 2005. In addition, Army has foiled 6 bids of infiltration between 1st January and 22nd April 2005 killing 15 terrorists on the LoC.