

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CEREMONIAL DRILL AT WAGAH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BSF and Pak rangers have decided to soften the ceremonial drill performed by both forces at the Indo-Pak check post in Wagah;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether both forces have mellowed down the ceremony;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of public who came to witness such ceremony?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) to (d): No, Sir. However, certain aberrations in the drill have been rectified by the Indian side. The Pak Rangers continue to do the drill as earlier.
- (e): No dampening of the spirits has been noticed among the spectators of the ceremony.