GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1810 ANSWERED ON:09.03.2010 SHELLING ACROSS BORDER Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of shelling of rockets from across the Indo-Pak border have been reported;
- (b) if so, the details of cases reported and losses occured thereof during the year 2009 and the current year; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1810 FOR 9.3.2010

- (a) to (c): Following three incidents of shelling of rockets from across the border in Punjab have reportedly taken place during the year 2009 and 2010 (upto 4.3.2010):
- S.NO. Date of incident Nos. of shells Place of incident
- 04th July,2009 04 rockets In general area of JCP Attari and BOP Ratankhurd, Amritsar, Punjab
- 11th September, 2009 05 rockets In geneal area of BOP Ratankhurd, Amritsar, Punjab
- 09th January,2010 4 rockets In general area of JCP Attari and BOP Ratankhurd, Amritsar, Punjab

During these incidents, one civilian got minor injuries and some electric lines were damaged.

Border Security Force (BSF), which is the border guarding force deployed along Indo-Pak border, acted immediately and retaliated appropriately. The flag meetings were held between the BSF and Pakistan Rangers and strong protest was launched against each incident.