

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2172

ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013

KILLING OF INDIAN SOLDIERS

Aaron Rashid Shri J.M.;Bhadana Shri Avtar Singh;Bhagora Shri Tarachand;Das Shri Khagen;Gaddigoudar Shri P.C.;Mahato Shri Narahari;Muttemwar Shri Vilas Baburao;Pakkirappa Shri S.;Rajbhar Shri Ramashankar;Rajendran Shri C.;Ramkishun Shri ;Sharma Shri Jagdish;Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman;Siricilla Shri Rajaiah;Tirkey Shri Manohar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether two Indian soldiers have been killed by Pakistani army after crossing over into Indian territory in the Mendhar sector in Poonch district of Jammu & Kashmir recently;
- (b) if so, whether the body of one of the soldiers was beheaded and mutilated by the retreating Pakistani army;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the financial assistance provided / proposed to be provided by the Government to the next-of-kin of the martyrs;
- (d) whether a Brigadier level flag meeting was held with Pakistan on 14 January, 2013 in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the ceasefire violations by Pakistan after the said flag meeting; and
- (f) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): On 8th January 2013, a Pakistan Border Action Team (BAT) ambushed our patrol in Krishna Ghati Sector in which Lance Naik Sudhakar Singh and Lance Naik Hemraj were killed. Lance Naik Hemraj was found beheaded and both bodies were mutilated and their weapons were taken away.

(c) The details of death benefits in respect of Smt. Dharamwati Devi, widow of Late LNK Hem Raj of 13 Rajputana Rifles are at Annexure-I and the details of death benefits in respect of Smt. Durga Singh, widow of Late LNK Sudhakar Singh of 13 Rajputana Rifles are at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): A Brigade Commander level Flag Meeting was held at Chakan-Da-Bagh on 14th January, 2013 wherein the issue of ambush of our Patrol by Pak Border Action Team on 8th January, 2013, mutilation of bodies of our soldiers and return of head of the martyr was raised by the Indian side. The Pakistan delegation refuted our charges. There have been 14 Ceasefire Violations by Pakistan Army since the Brigade Commander level Flag Meeting on 14th January, 2013.

(f) Heightened vigil is being maintained along the Line of Control and the situation is being closely monitored.