GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2695 ANSWERED ON:26.08.2013 KILLING OF INDIAN SOLDIERS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pakistani army personnel have attacked Indian army patrolling party and killed five jawans and injured others in Chakan Da Bagh area in Poonch sector recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number of defence personnel killed in such incidents during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the details of the assistance / facilities provided / proposed to be provided by the Government including ex-gratia payment to the next-of-kins of such martyrs; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for strengthening defence against such repeated intrusions / attacks by the neighbouring countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): In Poonch Sector, on the night of 5/6th August 2013, a group of the specialist troops of Pakistan Army from the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) side crossed the LC and attacked a patrol of Indian Army comprising one NCO and five Other Ranks. In the ensuing fire fight five of our brave soldiers were martyred and one soldier was injured.
- (c): Details are as under:-

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S.No. Year No. of defence personnel killed
1. 2010 09
2. 2011 05
3. 2012 03
4. 2013 09
(till 19th August, 2013)
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- (d) The details of assistance/facilities provided/proposed to be provided by the Government including ex-gratia payment to the next-of-kins of martyrs are at Annexure -I, II, and III.
- (e) The Government is closely monitoring activities along the LoC. Government is regularly taking up the issue of ceasefire violation with Pakistan through established mechanism like hotlines, flag meetings, talk between DGMOs and through diplomatic channels. The Army has adopted a robust counter-infiltration strategy along the Line of Control which is a mix of technology and human resources to check infiltration effectively.