

Title: Regarding accident of an Air Force Helicopter on 12.11.2000 on the Indo-Pak Border near Bhuj, Gujarat.

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL (PATAN): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to invite the attention of the Government to a very important matter...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं आपको बुलाऊंगा। आप बैठ जाइए। एक साथ दो-तीन व्यक्ति बात नहीं कर सकते हैं।

वेद (व्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : ऐसे उठ खड़े हो जाएंगे तो मैं आखिरी नाम आपका बुलाऊंगा।

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL : Sir, with highest respect to the *Jawans*, I want to bring on record that the Indian Defence Minister, because he is the Convenor of the NDA, is not performing his duties as he is expected to. I want to invite the attention of this House that a helicopter was shot down on 12.11.2000 on the Indo-Pak border near Bhuj which is hardly fifteen kilometres from the international border. It was an Air Force helicopter. But till today, the Government has not clarified whether it was a helicopter crash or the helicopter was shot down by the Pakistani military. Even after the accident, the Government of India or the Government of Gujarat has not rendered any assistance to the BSF officers who died on the spot and who were injured. According to my information, the hon. Defence Minister was in Ahmedabad on that particular day.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please conclude now.

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL : The Home Minister visited the spot after one week. I would like to know what is the exact nature of the accident, who were in the helicopter, whether it was shot down by the Pakistani Government or it was a crash, why our intelligence failed, and why no assistance was provided within 26 hours of the accident. Thank you very much, Sir....(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All Members will get a chance. Please be patient.