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(a) what is the view of Government on the recommendations of K. Subrahmanyam Committee on Kargil;

(b) what are the recommendations accepted and implemented so far by Government; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting or not implementing other recommendations as yet?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) While specific recommendations made by Kargil Review Committee (Subrahmanyam Committee) for acquisition of (a) high altitude UAVs, (b) communication interception equipment, (c) satellite imagery capability of world standards, and (d) development of skills in encryption/decryption have been accepted by the Government, many of its recommendations need to be developed into specific actionable policies and programmes. In a few cases, consultation with and acceptance of the recommendations by the State Governments is also required. The Government has in view of the importance and sensitivity of the subject and after careful consideration of these recommendations and other relevant aspects decided that the national security system in its entirety be thoroughly reviewed by a Group of Ministers headed by the Home Minister with Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister and Finance Minister as its members.

Fifth Pay Commission recommendations for Navy

2774. SHRI VEDPRAKASH R GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Navy has decided to hold the implementation of the recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission for the time being; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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2775. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: