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(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Kargil misadventure by Pakistan resulted in a major defeat for that country, both on the diplomatic and the military front. As a face saving measure, they have embarked upon a renewed campaign to step up militancy in J&K, to project that J&K continues to remain a "flash point" requiring intervention by the International community.

Attempts are being made by Pakistan to give a further impetus to terrorist activities in the State of J&K over the past few months. Pakistan Army is training, arming, financing and infiltrating terrorists across the Line of Control.

Adequate measures have been taken to check infiltration from across the border and to tackle the problem of terrorism in J&K. There tier deployment is being maintained and operations are carried out in the hinterland to deal with terrorists who have infiltrated.

#### **Review of National Security System**

3392. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHLJNDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking time bound steps in reviewing the National Security System through independent body, as suggested by Kargil Review Commiteee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Government has in view of the importance and sensitivity of the subject and after careful consideration of the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and other relevant aspects decided that the national security system in its entirety by thoroughly reviewed by a Group of Minister headed by the Home Affairs with Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister and Finance Minister as its members.

#### **Use of arms in elections**

3393. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to prevent use and show of arms and weapons during electioneering and polling; and