

Equipment for joint sea patrolling

810. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor equipment and lack of funds hit joint sea patrolling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide suitable equipment to vigilance forces to check smuggling of arms and explosives through sea?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The hardware, equipment and resources of the Navy and the Coast Guard are reviewed and upgraded from time to time. The Navy and Coast Guard carry out regular surveillance and patrol to protect the interest of the country. In this regard, special operations in co-ordination with other Central and State Government agencies are also carried out.

Pak Sponsored Attack on Army Camps

811. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops or Pakistan supported militants have attacked Indian Army camps several times after the Pakistani intruders were pushed out from Kargil in June-July this year; and

(b) if so, how many times such incidents have taken place and the number of Indian as well as Pakistani soldiers/militants killed during such attacks?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A statement giving details of Pakistan's attempts to capture our posts and the resultant casualties on both sides during the period from August 1999 to November 1999 is enclosed (*See* below). All these attacks were repulsed.

There were two incidents in which the militants respectively carried out physical attacks on a Rashtriya Rifles post and a Public Relations Office of the army. In the first incident, the militants attacked the

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RR post in Kupwara district on 6th August 1999, in which six militants were killed and some weapons and ammunitions were recovered. Five army personnel were killed. In the second incident, that took place on 3rd November 1999, the militants fired indiscriminately at the occupants of the PRO office located at the periphery of Badamibagh Cantonment in Srinagar. The Quick Reaction Teams of our army immediately surrounded the area and killed two militants. Two AK 47 rifles were recovered.

Nine army personnel and one BSF jawan were killed. Six ORs of the army and one Jawan of the Defence Service Corps were wounded.

Statement

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Details of Pakistani Attempts to capture Indian Army post Aug. 99 to Nov. 99

Sr. No.	Date	Post	i Enemy Casualties		Own Casualties	
			Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded
1.	10 Aug 99	Malaun (Northern Glacier)	5			
2.	31 Aug 99 and 01 Sep 99	PP 4,5 & 8 (Akhnoor Sector)	5	20	2	7
3.	12 Sep 99	PP 4 (Akhnoor Sector)	1			
4.	22 Oct 99	Bindu Post (Rampur Sector)	—	— ----	—	
5.	09 Nov 99	Faulad Post (Rampur Sector)	17	—	3 and 1 Jawan missing	9