

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