

Disfigurement of bodies of Kargil martyrs

812. SHRIMAT! VEENA VERMA' Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian armed personnel killed *in* Kargil action since May, 1999, and bodies of how many of these martyrs were found mutilated and disfigured by Pakistani army; and

(b) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FER NANDES):

(a) Army personnel killed	519
Air Force personnel killed	5
Martyr's bodies found mutilated/disfigured	6

(b) A strong protest was lodged with Pakistan Government demanding that the persons responsible for grave breach of the Geneva Convention, by torture and inhuman treatment and wilful killing of the captured members of the Indian Armed Forces personnel, be identified and penal action taken against them.

Production of Arjuna Tanks

813. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Arjuna Tank has reduced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the production of Arjuna Tanks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE {SHRI HARIN PATHAK}: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) and (d) 124 Nos. of Arjuna tanks have been planned for production.