

Intensification of military activities by Pakistan along the Indian border

†334. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has intensified its military activities along the border and has been gathering its troops and military equipments to great extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Pakistan army had attacked the Indian security checkposts in order to infiltrate terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Opposite Akhnoor sector, elements of two Pakistan infantry divisions and two armoured formations are present, ostensibly for training. Similarly, opposite Ganganagar sector, element of one Pakistan infantry division and one armoured formation have concentrated ostensibly for training since the second week of October. Such formations in the close proximity of the international border, are being closely monitored.

(c) and (d) Pakistani troops have not attacked any Indian forward posts to abet infiltration.

Action against guilty in Defence Procurement

335. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the action taken against those found guilty of corruption in Defence procurements during the last five years?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

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THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Missile Defence System

336. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Russia is providing Missile Defence System to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) when it is going to be implemented;
- (d) what are the main advantages of such system; and
- (e) what will be the total cost of this system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no proposal for procurement of a Missile Defence System from Russia.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Correcting deficiencies in operational training of pilots

337. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, with the rising accidents of fighter aircrafts, Government have considered the question of indentifying the deficiencies in the operational training of the pilots and its overall impact on the capabilities;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof;
- (c) whether, there are any recommendation of the committees set up by Government to go into this aspect;
- (d) if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations made by these committees; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to implement them?