

(c) what precautions Government are contemplating to provide security to the civilians near the LoC?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) 83 Army personnel have been killed on the Line of Control between 1.11.1999 and 31.10.2000.

(b) The information is awaited from the State Government.

(c) Vigilance along the Line of Control has been intensified. Our security forces respond appropriately to the unprovoked firing from across the border and other appropriate measures are taken to minimise damage to property and to prevent casualties to civilians near the Line of Control.

### **Hindi Magazines/Journals on Defence Matters**

1766. **SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA".** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether no journals/magazines are being brought out in Hindi on defence related matters by Government aided agency;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether IDSA brings out any publications in Hindi also;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) whether Government would consider giving aid/help to Non-Government bodies for bringing out publications/periodicals on defence related matters in Hindi?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) and (b) A number of Journals/Magazines/Publications are being brought out by the Government and Government aided institution on defence related matters. Details of such Magazines / Journals / Publications in Hindi are indicated in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) A quarterly publication titled 'Samrik Samiksha' was brought out by Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) during 1990-91. However, its publication was discontinued due to lack of interest of the academic community. The publication of this quarterly magazine has since been revived by IDSA w.e.f. October-December 2000. Hindi version of IDSA's Book titled 'Nuclear India' (Bharatiya Parmanu Shastra) has also been published in 1999.

(e) No such proposal is being considered by the Government at present.

However, the Ministry of Defence has a scheme for promoting publication of books in Hindi/Hindi translation of books under which a few selected books are awarded cash prizes once in every two year period.

**Statement**

*Journals/Magazines published in Hindi*

Sl. No.	Name of the Magazine / Journal / Publication	Periodicity
1.	Sainik Samachar	Fortnightly
2.	Sainik Punarvas	Quarterly
3.	Hand Book on Resettlement of Ex-Servicemen	As and when required basis
4.	Training Programme from JCO / ORs	Yearly
5.	SEMFEX-II	As and when required basis
6.	SEMFEX-III	As and when required basis
7.	Samrik Samiksha	Quarterly
8.	Bharatiya Parmanu Shastra	Book
9.	Dhavel	Annual
10.	Prerna	Annual
11.	Sancharika	Annual
12.	Sankalp	Annual
13.	Nav-Chintan	Annual
14.	Analjeet	Annual
15.	Marutrang	Annual
16.	Arunodai	Annual
17.	Vishleshika	Annual
18.	Nav-Chatna	Annual
19.	Gatisheel	Annual
20.	Lehar	Annual
21.	Dhatudristi	Annual
22.	Arjun	Annual
23.	Hansa	Annual

Sl. No.	Name of the Magazine / Journal / Publication	Periodicity
24.	Maansi	Annual
25.	Smarika	Annual
26.	Raksha Khadya Vigyan	Annual
27.	Kshitiz.	Annual
28.	Sindhu Darshan	Annual
29.	Nabh-tarang	Annual
30.	Raksha Pranali	Annual
31.	Prayas	Annual
32.	DRDO Samachar	Monthly
33.	Mukhyalaya Samachar	Quarterly

#### **Helicopters lost in high altitude areas**

1767. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that since the beginning of 2000, IAF lost a number of helicopters in high altitude areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of casualties and the estimated loss suffered as result thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry conducted into the crashes; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Indian Air Force have lost six helicopters since the beginning of year 2000 in high altitude areas. Three pilots received fatal injuries and the estimated cost of damage is Rs. 27.87 crore, as per provisional loss statement.

(c) and (d) the Court of Inquiries have revealed that two accidents have been due to Technical defects and four due to Human Error (Air crew). Causes of Technical defects have been identified and the failed components have been replaced in the rest of the fleet. Air crews have been, thoroughly, briefed on the nuances of operating at high altitudes, close to the endurance limits of the machine.