

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1385

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INFILTRATION BY MILITANT OUTFITS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether terrorist training camps are being operated in the Pakistan occupied Kashmir and the terrorists are infiltrated into India from these areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether militant outfits are trying to take advantage of the chaos along LoC after earthquake by stepping up cross-border infiltration as reported in 'The Times of India' dated October 17, 2005;
- (d) if so, the number of infiltration attempts by militants reported thereafter; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1385 FOR 1.12.2005

As per inputs available from Intelligence agencies, activities have been reported from terrorist training camps located in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Some of these terrorists camps are estimated to have been damaged or destroyed in the aftermath of earthquake of 8th October, 2005.

The overall counter infiltration strategy of the Army envisages a multi-tiered arrangement, including a forward tier of troop deployment, deployment of state-of-the-art surveillance devices, the Line of Control (LoC) fence and a second tier deployment after the fence. This has resulted in keeping a check on infiltration/exfiltration. The Army in conjunction with other intelligence and security agencies continuously review its strategy to ensure that infiltration is minimised.

Post earthquake, the Army has fully restored its defensive as well as counter infiltration posture. Adequate measures are in a place and there are no vulnerabilities and gaps that may be exploited by terrorists from across the LoC. There is no increase in the infiltration by terrorists after the earthquake.

Since the earthquake on 8th October 2005, a total of 10 infiltration/exfiltration attempts have been foiled by the Army units deployed on the LoC, killing 25 terrorists.

Appropriate action has been taken by Government to further minimize the infiltration. The trends of infiltration are being constantly monitored at various levels. The LoC fence and integrated surveillance equipment that had been damaged due to earthquake has been completely repaired. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government and the Central Government to check infiltration.