

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:686
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DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY PERSONNEL IN J& K
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the number of army personnel deployed in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of attacks by the terrorists at the public places and military installation during the last two years and current year so far;
- (d) the number of infiltration incidents reported during the above period; 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. 686 FOR ANSWER ON 23.2.2006

The quantum of troops deployed in the State of Jammu & Kashmir is continuously assessed and reviewed by the Army based on threat perception.

The number of violent incidents, infiltration bids eliminated by the Army on Line of Control (LoC) and assessed infiltration during 2004, 2005 and January, 2006 is as under:-

2004 2005 January, 2006

Violent incidents 2565 1990 91

Infiltration bids eliminated 68 52 01
by the Army
on LoC

Assessed infiltration 349 335 16

The Army has adopted a comprehensive counter infiltration strategy in J&K, comprising of 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 in conjunction with the fence. This has resulted in substantial drop in successful infiltration/exfiltration by the terrorists. The Army, in conjunction with other intelligence and security agencies, continuously review its strategy to ensure that infiltration is minimized.