

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF FIRING RANGE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant threat of life of civilians since the habitations came up around the firing range located on the outskirts of Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, the number of casualties reported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government propose to shift the firing range to any safe location;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government so that the firing practice does not cause any harm to the civilian population?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) There is no such proposal under consideration.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) As per Standing Operation Procedure, the local population is informed through the Police authorities 72 hours in advance before the firing schedule. Besides, all range safety precautions are being followed meticulously.