

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Surgical Strikes

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Army special forces carried out the surgical strikes on terrorist hideout / launch pads in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir recently;
- (b) if so, the number of terrorist camps destroyed along with the number of terrorists killed during the said strike; and
- (c) the other steps taken / being taken to stop infiltration and terrorist attacks across Indian borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): Continuing and increasing infiltration by terrorists across Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir has been a matter of serious concern to Government. This is reflected in the terrorist attacks at Poonch and Uri on 11th and 18th September, 2016 respectively. During these terrorist attacks and infiltration attempts, Army has recovered items including Global Positioning Systems and stores which have had Pakistani markings. Further, captured terrorists hailing from Pakistan or Pakistani occupied Kashmir have confessed to their training and arming in Pakistan or territory under the control of Pakistan. Despite the matter having been taken up at highest diplomatic levels and through military channels to urge Pakistan to respect its January 2004 commitment for not allowing its soil or territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India, there has been no let up in infiltration or terrorist action inside Indian territory.

Based on receiving specific and credible inputs about some terrorist teams having positioned themselves at launch pads along Line of Control to carry out infiltration and conduct terrorist strikes in Jammu and Kashmir and in various metros in other States, the Indian Army conducted surgical strikes on 29th September, 2016 at several of these launch pads to pre-empt infiltration by terrorists.

The operations were focussed on ensuring that these terrorists do not succeed in their design to cause destruction and endanger the lives of our citizens. During these counter terrorist operations significant casualties were caused to terrorists and those providing support to them.

(c) In Jammu & Kashmir along the Line of Control (LC), Army has adopted robust counter infiltration strategy which has an appropriate mix of technology and human resources to check infiltration effectively. Innovative troop deployment, proactive use of surveillance, monitoring devices and the Anti Infiltration Obstacle System have enhanced the ability to detect and intercept terrorists attempting to infiltrate / exfiltrate.
