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Ceasefire Violations at Border

In the recent past Indo-Pak border/Line of Control (LoC) witnessed increased hostilities from Pakistan side and in the month of October there were rampant ceasefire violations. As reported by the State Government, during the current year 2014 (upto October 31, 2014), there have been 152 ceasefire violations and the following casualties took place:-

Civilians		Security Force Personnel	
Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
13	101	02	14

Large number of people were affected by the heavy firing/shelling in the border areas of Kuthua, Samba and Jammu District. People from these areas were temporarily shifted to safer places and were accommodated by the administration at various government buildings and were also provided free ration. However, after the ceasefire violations stopped from across the border, they returned to their homes.

Government has repeatedly emphasised, including at the highest level, the need for Pakistan to uphold the sanctity of the Line of Control and abide by the ceasefire commitment of 2003 along the International Border and Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. In the bilateral talks held on May 27, 2014 during the visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to India for the swearing-in ceremony of the new Government, Prime Minister further emphasised the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity at the International Border and upholding the sanctity of the Line of Control.

Appropriate retaliation to the ceasefire violations, where necessary, has been carried out by the Security Forces. At the military level, violation of ceasefire is taken up with Pakistan authorities at the appropriate level through the established mechanism of hotlines, flag meetings as well as weekly talks between the Directorate Generals of Military Operations.

This was stated by Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju in Lok Sabha today.

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