GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

LOK SABHA

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Ceasefire Violations by Pakistan

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(a) whether there has been spurt in incidents of ceasefire violations by Pakistan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of soldiers, civilians killed and injured during the said violations during the year 2015-16;

(c) the details of compensation paid to families of deceased soldiers; and

(d) the retaliatory and preventive action taken by the Government in this regard?

Will the Minister of DEFENCEbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b):The details are as under:-
YearCeasefire Violations along Line of Control (LC) and International Border (IB) under operational control of Army
Ceasefire Violations along International Border (IB) under operational control of BSF.
2015152253
2016167
(till 14th November)210
(till 1st November)

The details of casualties in ceasefire violations are as under:-

YearArmy personnelBSF personnelCivilians

MartyredInjuredMartyredInjuredKilled Injured

2015061704091671
2016085904071276
(till 14th November)(till 1st November)(till 10th November)

(c)Details of ex gratia lump sum compensation being paid to the Next of Kin (NoK) of Defence personnel are as under:-

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1.Death in the course of duties attributable to acts of violence by terrorists, etc.Rs.10 lakhRs.25 lakh
2.Death occurring during enemy action in war or border skirmishes or in action against militants, terrorists, etc.Rs.15 lakhRs.35 lakh
3.Army Group Insurance FundUpto
30.9.2016w.e.f.
1.10.2016
OfficersRs.60 lakhRs.75 lakh
JCOs/Other RanksRs.30 lakhRs.37.5 lakh

In addition, other benefits such as liberalised family pension, death-cum-retirement-gratuity, etc. are granted as per extant rules.

(d)Appropriate retaliation to the ceasefire violations, as required, has been carried out by Indian Army / BSF. In addition, all violations of ceasefire are 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 of the two countries.  BSF, too, holds talks at various levels with its counterpart viz. Pakistan Rangers.

Further, all forward posts along the Line of Control are adequately strengthened to withstand enemy fire.  There is also a well-established Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to safeguard against enemy action to minimize the casualties.

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