GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1048

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th JULY, 2018/SHRAVANA 2, 1940 (SAKA)

CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recently incidents of ceasefire violations across the border had increased sharply during the holy month of Ramazan especially in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents reported and the number of security personnels/citizens injured and killed in such incidents during the last three months;
- (c) whether there is any report on the displacement of people and loss of property in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount of the compensation paid to the victims by the Government;
- (e) the steps being taken for the safety and security of citizens in the villages along the border and for the rehabilitation of the victims of ceasefire violations; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to hold talk with Pakistan and to solve the problem of ceasefire violations across the LOC and the extent to which success has been achieved in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): During the month of Ramazan i.e. from 17.05.2018 to 16.06.2018, 338

incidents of ceasefire violations/ cross border firings were reported in Jammu

and Kashmir as against 139 during the period of 16.04.2018 to 16.05.2018.

(b): The details of incidents of ceasefire violations/cross border firings from Pakistan along LoC/IB in Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the casualties of security personnel and civilians during the last three months are as under: -

Month	No. of ceasefire violations/cross border firings	Casualties of Security Personnel		Casualties of Civilians	
		Martyred	Injured	Killed	Injured
April, 2018	177	5	11	0	1
May, 2018	351	2	24	10	60
June, 2018	58	7	4	1	17

(c) to (e): In the event of persistent cross border firings/ceasefire violations along LoC/IB by Pakistan, the people residing in the affected areas have to leave their homes temporarily. The affected families are shifted to safer places. They are provided all kinds of basic amenities like water, electricity, medical aid, etc. at the designated safe shelters.

Government has sanctioned construction of 14,460 bunkers, to mitigate the hardships being faced by people living on IB/LoC, due to cross border firing. Further, ex-gratia cash relief of Rs.5 lakh is given to next of kin (NoK) in case of death or to the victim of more than 50% disability. Compensation for housing damages/losses, crop losses, relief for stay at relief camps and displacement etc. to those affected by cross border firings are also given as per National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) norms of assistance, fixed from time to time. However, for loss of milch animals, Rs. 50,000/- per milch animal is given for actual number of milch animals that have died due to Cross Border firing.

(f): During the visit of the External Affairs Minister to Pakistan in December 2015, it was decided that Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue on all outstanding issues would be launched. However, the terrorist attack on Pathankot Air Base on January 2, 2016 and subsequent intensification of cross border terrorism has prevented the initiation of such a dialogue.

India has repeatedly called upon Pakistan to abide by its commitment not to allow any territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. Pakistan has also been asked to take effective actions to end terrorism and dismantle terrorist infrastructure on the territory under its control. The Government has clearly stated that the onus is on Pakistan to create a conducive environment free of violence, terrorism and hostility for addressing all outstanding issues through a bilateral dialogue.
