

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3723
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th August, 2023

SHELLING FROM PAKISTAN SIDE IN BORDER AREAS

3723. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of civilians and the number of soldiers killed due to shelling from Pakistan side in border areas of the country till date during the last three years; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): The details of fatal casualties in respect of soldiers and casualties of civilians during last three years and current year (till June, 2023) due to ceasefire violation are as under: -

Year	Fatal casualties of soldiers	Casualties of civilians
2020	24	22
2021	04	-
2022	-	-
2023 (till June, 2023)	-	-

(b): Appropriate retaliation to the ceasefire violations, as required, has been carried out by security forces. 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. Ever since the Director General of Military Operations understanding came into existence in February, 2021, there have been just three incidents of ceasefire violations and no incident of shelling along the Line of Control. However, our troops remain prepared for all such eventualities.

Diplomatically, India has repeatedly emphasised at the highest level, the need for Pakistan to uphold the sanctity of the Line of Control (LC) and the International Border as its obligations emanating from the understanding in vogue.
