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भारत
MINISTER OF DEFENCE
INDIA

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24th August, 2009

Dear Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar,

Please refer to the issue of commemorating the victory at Kargil every year raised by you under Special Mention on 23rd July, 2009 in the Rajya Sabha.

2. After the Kargil operations in 1999, the Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated on 26th July in 2000 and 2001. A decision was then taken in 2001 by Service Hqrs. that to avoid repetition, only Vijay Diwas would be celebrated on 16th December every year.

3. However, this year, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, the Victory at Kargil was celebrated in a grand manner at Dras. The Hon'ble Prime Minister also laid a wreath at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate on 26th July, 2009 to remember the scarifies of the brave soldiers during the conflict.

4. The case for celebrating 'Kargil Diwas' every year is being considered in consultation with Service Hqrs.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A.K. Antony)

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
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SPECIAL MENTION

RAJYA SABHA

NOTICE FOR MENTIONING A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
IN THE HOUSE

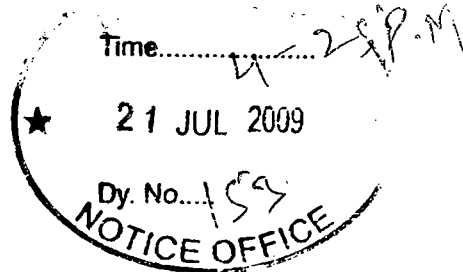
21st JULY 2009

From

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR, M.P.

To

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RAJYA SABHA
NEW DELHI.



Sir/Madam,

I request the Chairman to permit me to mention the following Matter of Urgent Public Importance in the House on 23rd July 2009.

Reasons for mentioning the matter in the House:

Subject: Kargil Vijay Diwas

Supporting documents, if any:

Text attached

Yours faithfully

Member, Rajya Sabha,
Division No. 161

Chairman's Orders

Permission: granted / not granted

I draw the attention of the Hon'ble Members to the 10th anniversary of the Victory of the men and women of our armed forces over our enemies at Kargil - on the 26th July.

This day represents not just the victory of our proud country and its Will prevailing over those of its enemies, but also most importantly it represents the inspirational sense of duty and sacrifice by thousands of men and women of our Armed forces.

I remember every day of that conflict as do many Indians. These are the men and women whose actions, sense of nationalism and duty which should inspire our younger generations. I believe the actions of the men and women of our armed forces in that conflict and every other conflict deserve our shradhanjali, respects and salutes. I appeal to Ministry of Defence and Government to memorialize this day and celebrate it every year. I also appeal to my colleagues in this house who oppose it on grounds of this being a BJP war or something as ridiculous to stop this mockery. By your comments you do a serious disservice to the men, women and the families of those who serve our nation and have served our nation. It is our duty to our nation to memorialize these sacrifice and duty.

*to join me
in this
demand*