

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM BORDER AREAS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether deployment of armed forces is being reduced from the borders of Bangladesh, Nepal especially Jammu and Kashmir State which touches the boundaries of Pakistan and China;
- (b) if so, the reasons for reduction of the forces;
- (c) the quantum of forces to be reduced;
- (d) whether the Forces reduced is on a permanent basis or on a re-deployment basis;
- (e) if so, the details of redeployment plan, if any;
- (f) whether the Review Committee constituted in this regard has submitted its report; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (g): The India-Nepal and India-Bangladesh borders are managed by Shasatra Seema Bal (SSB) and Border Security Forces (BSF) respectively, which are para military forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs. India-China line of Actual Control is managed by ITBP and Army whereas International border and LOC with Pakistan in the State of J&K are managed by BSF and Army. The deployment of forces to manage the borders/LAC/LOC is done on need basis and there are no plans to reduce deployment of forces on borders/LOC/LAC at present. The Army and CPMF are also deployed on internal security duty in the State of J&K. Such deployment on a well integrated counter insurgency grid is a dynamic deployment which is adjusted as per requirement. An Expert Panel has been set up by the Government to determine whether there is a need to relocate or reconfigure the existing security forces in the State of J&K. The Panel is likely to submit its report shortly.