

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DESECRATION OF BUDHA STATUE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Buddha statue, located at Indo-China border in Arunachal Pradesh was desecrated/demolished allegedly by the Chinese forces;
- (b) if so, whether the Army, instead of restoring the statue at its original place, has shifted the same to the Army Headquarters of IV Corps;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to install the same at the original place; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Buddha statue was installed at Bum La in October 2007. On 30th October, 2007, a portion of the nose and two fingers of the statue were found slightly damaged, which has since been repaired. The cause of the damage could not be ascertained. The statue which was placed very close to Bum La Pass has been shifted approximately 300 meters towards our side of Line of Actual Control near an Army Post, where it is under constant observation.