GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognisance of massive military infrastructure building by China in the border areas including Tibet and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) and intense military activities in these areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of action plan to secure the Indian borders in view of the emerging security scenario;
- (d) the details of border road constructions and other military infrastructure undertaken by the Government in response thereto;
- (e) the details of the projects delayed and reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the Government will achieve the defence preparedness to match the capabilities of the neighbouring countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): Government keeps track of infrastructure development and military activities in the border areas including Tibet Autonomous Region and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Development of infrastructure including construction of border roads along our borders is an ongoing process. Some projects get delayed due to various causes including difficult terrain, climatic conditions etc. While capability development is an ongoing process, the Indian Army is operationally capable to meet any challenges to national security.