

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5185  
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ACQUISITION OF LAND IN SIKKIM  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Army has acquired any land in Lachen and Lachung valleys in Sikkim for defence purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land acquired belongs to the tribal population of the region and whether adequate compensation for the same has been paid; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Defence has acquired 214.28 acres of private land and 148.26 acres of forest land at Lachen and Lachung Valleys in Sikkim.
- (c) Part of the land acquired belonged to tribal population. Compensation as determined by the competent authority has been paid to the persons interested.
- (d) An amount of Rs.60,54,856.53 was paid as compensation for acquisition of private lands and transfer of forest lands.