

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE ON LAC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the infrastructure on the Indian side along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is in bad shape;
- (b) if so, the number of infrastructure projects sanctioned and the number of projects taken up for execution to improve the road and air connectivity in the border areas particularly along the LAC and Line of Control;
- (c) whether there are reports that some of the airfields in the border areas like Ladakh are not in use;
- (d) if so, whether any immediate and corrective steps have been taken to rectify the situation so as to improve and upgrade the existing infrastructure, taking into account the security scenario; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Government is fully seized of the infrastructure requirement for operational needs of Armed Forces along the borders and has drawn up appropriate plans for strategic infrastructure development. All airfields are in use and are utilized as per operational requirement. Government is continuously monitoring the situation along the borders and takes suitable steps to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity and security of India both along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and Line of Control (LoC).