

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF AVALANCHE IN KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Avalanches in Kashmir in the month of February, 2012 had extensively damaged the fencing along the Line of Control (LoC) in the valley;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the extent of damage occurred;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there may be infiltration from the Pakistan side;
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the damaged fencing is expected to be repaired?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Due to inclement weather, heavy snow accumulation, avalanches and landslides fencing along the Line of Control (LoC) gets damaged.
- (c) & (d): While Government is aware that terrorists attempt infiltration throughout the year including during the winter months when the fence is covered by snow or repair works are in progress, additional proactive measures in terms of surveillance and troop deployment are undertaken to foil infiltration attempts.
- (e) Repair works on damaged portions of the fence have already been completed.