

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3399
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2013
WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM SIACHEN
Muttemwar Shri Vilas Baburao;Sharma Shri Jagdish

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to withdraw its troops from Siachen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware of the presence of Chinese soldiers in Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Government is aware of China undertaking infrastructure projects in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) which are being executed by Chinese civil companies. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in PoK and asked them to cease such activities.