

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROTECTION OF FERTILE LAND IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether complaints regarding destruction of crops and plantations by the Indian Army in the border areas of the country particularly Sino- Indian border have been received by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect fertile land in the said areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): No complaint appears to have been received regarding destruction of crops and plantation by the Indian Army in the border areas of the country particularly Sino-Indian border.

However, this year on 23rd February, during destruction of unserviceable ammunition a fire broke out in general area Taksing, Arunachal Pradesh. The Army carried out reconnaissance of the area and it was ascertained that no damage to life, property and crops occurred.

(c) Indian Army Formations / Units have standing instructions not to damage any crop or plantation while conducting their activities.