GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of incidents of Chinese troops incursions and transgressions into the border areas of the country, particularly in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh during 2013-14;
- (b) whether a high level talk of the representatives of India and China on the matter has been held recently, if so, the details of outcome of the discussion thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of infrastructure developments including building of roads and railways by China along the border and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the road construction projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) have been delayed, if so, the reasons therefor along with the number of road projects allotted to BRO and the status of construction of these roads including the quality maintained in road construction expenditure insured thereon; and
- (e) the steps being taken for increasing number of troops, establishing border security posts, installing high resolution surveillance cameras and speed up constructions of roads and railways in Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) There have been no instances of incursions along the India-China border. There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. There are areas along the border where India and China have differing perception of LAC. Transgressions occur on account of both sides undertaking patrolling upto their respective perception of the LAC.
- (b) During the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India, Prime Minister raised concern over incidents along the border. The two leaders agreed that peace and tranquility in the border region constitutes an essential foundation for mutual trust and confidence and for realizing the full potential of our relationship. It was suggested that clarification of Line of Actual Control would greatly contribute to the efforts to maintain peace and tranquility.
- (c) Government has taken cognizance of the infrastructure developments along the border by China. Government keeps a constant watch on all such developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
- (d) The delay in execution of road projects is due to delay in forest, wildlife and environment clearances, hard rock stretches, limited working season and difficulties in availability of construction material. Along the Indo-China border, BRO has been allotted 61 strategic roads for construction, out of which 17 roads have been completed, connectivity has been achieved in respect of 26 road stretches and works are under progress on 16 roads. Work on 2 roads is yet to commence due to pending wildlife clearance.
- (e) Necessary steps, as required, are taken to ensure that the national security concerns pertaining to all borders are addressed through capability and infrastructural development. Further, the areas along LAC are kept under surveillance by regular patrolling by troops and other aerial, optronic and electronic means. Upgradation and development of road infrastructure in border areas to meet the security requirements is taken up on continuous basis. Further, Rs.1000 crores have been earmarked for development of strategic railways lines in the current financial year.