

(c) Army HQrs, Ministry of Defence receives requests from various countries through our Defence Attaches for training courses in our institutes. Based on the availability of vacancies and the policies of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), courses are offered to these countries by MEA under various categories of funding *i.e.*, Indian Technical and Educational Cooperation (ITEC) I & II, Special Aid Programme (SAP) and Self Financed Schemes (SFS).

(d) The training of foreign military personnel at our establishments benefits us in the following ways:-

- (i) Broadens the horizons of our officers and men.
- (ii) Facilitates better interaction when our troops are employed along with foreign armies and in missions abroad.
- (iii) Enhances our diplomatic initiatives.

Foliage penetration radar to track maoists by DRDO

1844.SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop a foliage penetration radar that can track movement, camps and even landmines located in dense forests to track down the maoists;

(b) if so, the details of steps DRDO has taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether the services of the armed forces would be utilized to track maoists hideouts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of Foliage Penetration Radar is being taken up by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for all Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) applications).

(c) It has not been decided to utilize Armed Forces for anti-naxal operation.

(d) Does not arise.