

adopted for coastal security. Further, 10 Coastal Police Stations under Coastal Security Scheme have been made operational including one at Hazira. A new Regional Headquarter of Coast Guard has been set up at Gandhinagar. There are seven Coast Guard Stations existing in Gujarat and one Coast Guard station at Pipavav close to Hazira is being set up in 2012.

Increase in cases of infiltration in the valley

†1118. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some startling facts have come to light about the increasing incidents of infiltration and encounter in the valley, as per the assessment of the Defence Headquarter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the outposts along the border are lying unattended;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether terrorists are trying to capture these posts; and
- (f) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) As per assessment of Multi Agency Centre (MAC), till June 2011, 52 terrorists attempted to infiltrate as compared to 489 in the year 2010. The Army has killed two terrorists trying to infiltrate along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir till date in 2011. In 2010 the Army killed 38 terrorists trying to infiltrate.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No attempts by the terrorists to capture any outpost have been made.
- (f) Does not arise.

Shortage of fighter aircrafts

†1119. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:
SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of fighter aircrafts and helicopters in the Indian Air Force;

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- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to meet their shortage; and
- (c) by when it is planned to be met?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The requirement of fighter aircraft and helicopters is periodically reviewed and it is ensured that the operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are met. The IAF is in the process of inducting additional Su-30 MKI aircraft, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) and Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) as well as Medium Lift Helicopters, Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH), Attack Helicopters and Heavy Lift Helicopters. These would augment the operational strength of the IAF.

**Poor maintenance of highways by BRO in
Himachal Pradesh**

1120. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has failed to stabilize the 200 m. long landslide at the Rani Nullah and maintain the 30 km. long Marhi-Rohtang-Koksar stretch and 15 km. long Gondla-Tandi-Keylong stretch in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, and the steps taken by Government to expedite the said projects;
- (c) the details of amount spent on maintenance and snow clearing on the Manali-Sarchu Highway and Marhi-Koksar road every year;
- (d) whether Marhi-Koksar road stretch is littered with potholes and sharp boulders and the highway looks like a flood-ravaged stream; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure better maintenance of the highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is working relentlessly to maintain the Manali-Sarchu road and to keep Rohtang Axis open for the traffic:—

- The slide at Rani Nullah is attended regularly deploying dozers, wheel loader, rock breaker and other resources.
- The stretch Marhi-Rohtang-Koksar is snow bound area and remain covered for 6-8 months in a year. Despite problems of drainage due to melting of snow and heavy rush of traffic, BRO has put all efforts to maintain the road and keep it open to traffic. The stretch is under widening to double lane specification.