

Incursion by Chinese Helicopters along LAC

971. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Chinese helicopters carrying seven to eight troopers intruded last month into Indian territory along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and damaged unused bunkers before flying back unchallenged;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the intrusion of Chinese choppers has been taking place from time to time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that LAC has not been demarcated at several places; and

(d) what preventive steps Government is taking, so that incursions do not take place in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) There are no confirmed reports of aerial intrusion from the Chinese side into Indian airspace during the last month.

(b) to (d) There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. There are a few areas along the border where India and China have different perceptions of the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Both sides patrol upto their own perception of the LAC.

Specific incidents of transgressions due to differences in the perception of LAC are taken up with the Chinese side through established mechanisms such as Hot Lines, Flag Meetings, Border Personnel Meetings and normal diplomatic channels. Effective border management is carried out through surveillance and regular patrolling.

Review on standard of education in Sainik schools

972. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of existing Sainik Schools in the country at present;

(b) the State-wise number of Sainik Schools proposed to be set up in the country during the Twelfth Plan;

(c) whether any review was undertaken on the standard of education in these schools;