

(b) Nagaland shares a stretch of 215 Km length along the India-Myanmar border and no road project is being constructed by BRO along the border.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Chinese soldiers entering into Indian territory**

4388. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese soldiers have entered into Indian territory, 37 times in five years; and

(b) if so, what steps has been taken by Government to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) 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 differing perceptions of the LAC. Both sides undertake patrols upto their respective perceptions of the LAC. The Indian security forces continue to patrol upto all areas that fall within the Indian 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 by forces to prevent transgressions from Chinese side. The number of incidents of Chinese transgression beyond our perception of LAC during the last five years have generally been as per established pattern.

**India as top importer of weapons**

4389. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has topped as weapons importer displacing China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that inspite of spending huge amount on defence equipments, India continues to face shortage of the same; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Sir, Authoritative information regarding import of weapons by China is not available. However, as per report published in March 2012 by the Stockholm International Peace

Research Institute (SIPRI), India has become the largest importer of arms during 2007-11 and accounted for 10% of the global arms imports as compared to China's share of 5%.

(c) and (d) Procurement of arms and equipment for the Armed Forces is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges and available resources. The process is based on a 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP), five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). Shortage of any weapons, is adequately addressed through indigenous production and import.

#### **Expenditure required to meet the shortage of ammunition**

4390. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of approximate expenditure necessary to meet the shortage in ammunition and equipment in the Indian Army; and

(b) the year by when Government can meet shortages?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Sir, a well structured planning process is in place for capability development and modernization of the Indian Army. Procurement of ammunition and equipment is carried out on a continuous basis as per the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). By and large the equipment and ammunition in Indian Army is available in adequate quantity. However, shortages occur from time to time for which remedial action is taken. The Armed forces remain in a state of operational readiness to meet any eventuality.

#### **Shortage of resources in Indian Air Force**

†4391. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of resources in the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons why Government is making delay in meeting the shortage of training aircraft, simulator and fighter squadron and by when this acute shortage would be met; and

(d) the names of the airfields still having no landing facility along with the reasons therefor and by when these facilities would be made available to the Air Force by Government?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.