

(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