

**Infiltration in valley**

†339. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some startling facts regarding increasing incidents of intrusion and skirmish in the valley have come to light according to the assessment of Defence Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether posts situated along the border are lying vacant;

(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) Intelligence inputs are received from time to time regarding possible intrusions and skirmishes. These inputs are shared with all concerned and security precautions are accordingly taken.

(c) and (d) Posts along the Line of Control are occupied based on terrain and tactical considerations. However, few specific posts in higher reaches are vacated only during in winter owing to high snow level and increased avalanche threat. Surveillance and domination of these areas during this period is ensured by maintaining an effective vigil employing helicopters and other aerial means. These posts are re-occupied once the snow levels recede.

(e) and (f) Attempts by terrorists to infiltrate from across the border and cause damage continue. Surveillance and dominance is ensured to defeat the designs of infiltrators.

**Situation at LoC**

340. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the situation in LoC is under control now;

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