

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Defence Cooperation Agreements/MoUs have been signed with Friendly Foreign Countries which, *inter-alia*, include enabling provisions related to cooperation in the field of Defence technologies.

Transfer of Defence Technologies (ToT), is specific to an acquisition contract with the vendor as per the requirements of the Services and the prescribed procedures.

Guarding of India-Myanmar border by BSF

3570. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has agreed to the long standing demand of the Ministry of Home Affairs to handover the densely forested 1643 km. long India-Myanmar border to the Border Security Force (BSF);

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether the Assam Rifles with its deployment pattern of operating from bases away from the border has proved ineffective in making the region secure against infiltration attempts by insurgent outfits like NSCN, PLA, UNLF and PREPAK; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Defence has endorsed the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs to assign border guarding responsibility of India-Myanmar border to the Border Security Force (BSF), subject to certain conditions.

(c) and (d) Assam Rifles battalions are effectively carrying out Border Guarding task by undertaking independent operations as also affecting synergized operations in conjunction with the Assam Rifles battalions deployed for counter insurgency operations in the hinterland.

Mechanism for curbing corruption in armed forces

3571. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in recent years various issues of corruption in the different departments had come out in which some charges were against a number of top ranking officers in the Defence Department;

(b) if so, the reasons for recurrence of such tendencies in the armed forces which is so disciplined;

(c) whether internal mechanisms in these forces are sufficient to snuff out such undesirable tendencies; and