

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) At present there is no proposal to manufacture AK-47 rifles in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Soldiers killed in terrorist attacks

†912. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian soldiers are being killed on the Pakistan border in frequent terrorist attacks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is not a matter of grave concern that the terrorist attacks are taking place year after year; and

(c) the action taken against them till date and by when such an enormous problem would be sorted out and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) During the last one year (15th July, 2015 to 15th July, 2016) Indian Army suffered 07 fatal and 18 non-fatal casualties while eliminating infiltration bids by terrorists along the Line of Control in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

(b) and (c) In order to counter terror activities, there exists a close and effective coordination between Intelligence and Security agencies at the Centre and State levels. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been strengthened and re-organised to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation, analysis and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence agencies and States, which ensures seamless flow of information between the State and the Central Agencies. This has resulted in busting of many terror modules in the country by the Security Agencies.

Road project along McMohan line

913. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ambitious road project planned along the McMahon Line in Arunachal Pradesh has hit the Indian Army hurdle, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Army is opposed to constructing any road close to disputed border with China, if so, the details thereof and present status in this regard?

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