

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) Sir, the Part (a) of the Question does not make specific mention of the road project along the McMahon Line in Arunachal Pradesh that has hit the Indian Army hurdle.

Prior consultation with the Army is made before taking a decision in regards to construction of roads in the border areas.

At present, based on operational requirements of the Army and to support the socio-economic needs of the local populace, the following Inter Valley Connectivity Scheme connecting Seppa, Sarli, Huri, Taliha, Tato, Bile, Migging, Yingkiong, Dumro, Etalin, Hunli, Hayuliang and Changwinti, by Boader Roads Organisation and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is under progress.

Export of defence equipment

914. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of defence equipment exported during the last two years; and
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to improve research and development for increasing export of defence equipment and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) Based on the information obtained from Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), Ordnance Factories (OFs), Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in respect of SCOMET items and NOCs issued to private companies by the Department of Defence Production (DDP), the value of defence equipment exported during the last two years is ₹ 3484.50 crore.

To increase the self-reliance and export of defence equipment, there is a greater focus now on indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment as outlined in the Defence Production Policy and the Defence Procurement Procedure. In the Defence Procurement Procedure, 'Make' category of acquisition provides for indigenous design and development of defence equipment by the industry with financial support from the Government. Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) also helps the industry including DPSUs and OFs in design and development of defence equipment.

Threats faced by Trishul airbase

† 915. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that after the terrorist attack on Pathankot Airbase, the security of all airbases has been tightened by Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.