

w.e.f. 01.01.2006 for pre-2006 retirees on 30.09.2016. In addition, *vide* Resolution dated 30.09.2016, Government has accepted recommendation of 7th Central Pay Commission for broad-banding of disability for all personnel retiring with disability including premature cases/voluntarily retirement cases for disability greater than 20%, effective from 01.01.2016.

Infiltration by Pakistani terrorists

2909. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of infiltration by Pakistani terrorists into India on the Line of Control in the previous year; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to have peaceful bilateral talks with Pakistan to resolve this issue, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) As per assessment, there were 88 infiltration attempts in Jammu and Kashmir in the year 2016.

(b) The Government has followed a "Neighbourhood First" policy. This was reiterated by our Prime Minister in his speech at the 2nd Raisina Dialogue on January 17, 2017 in which he *inter alia* stated that "My vision for our neighbourhood puts a premium on peaceful and harmonious ties with the entire South Asia. That vision led me to invite leaders of all SAARC nation, including Pakistan for my swearing in. For this vision, I had also travelled to Lahore. But India alone cannot walk the path of peace. It also has to be Pakistan's journey to make. Pakistan must walk away from terror if it wants to walk towards dialogue with India." The onus clearly is on Pakistan to create a conducive environment free of violence and terrorism for addressing all matters of mutual concerns through bilateral dialogue.

Funding crunch in DRDO

2910. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether budgetary allocations to the Ministry is only a modest 6 per cent hike in comparison to the previous years;

(b) if so, details thereof and the impact thereof;

(c) whether the budget allocations towards the DRDO has been reduced causing number of research works/projects being held up; and