

- (iii) Limited working season.
- (iv) Difficulties in availability of construction material.
- (v) Delay in land acquisition.
- (vi) Damages due to natural disasters.

(b) and (c) BRO has a long experience in building roads in mountainous terrain. Deficiency of construction equipment in BRO is made good from time to time and has not affected the construction of ICBRs. Indian Air Force is providing necessary air effort for transportation of equipment, as feasible.

(d) With a view to improve the pace of execution of infrastructure projects in the border areas, Government has approved a policy to enable BRO to outsource identified projects to other construction companies, including those in the private sector.

#### **Incursions by Chinese Troops**

1014. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps in regard to the repetitive and reported incursions of our neighbouring country China on borders of Ladakh and the North East;
- (b) if so, details of steps being taken in this regard; and
- (c) what are the actual conditions prevailing on the Line of Actual Control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) to (c) There have been no instances of incursions of Chinese troops in Ladakh and the North East. Since there is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China, there are areas along the LAC where both sides have differing perception of LAC. Due to both sides undertaking patrolling upto their respective perception of the LAC, transgressions do occur.

Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms such as border personnel meetings, flag meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs and diplomatic channels.