

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2566  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017  
SIACHEN GLACIER

2566. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to safeguard the strategically located Siachen glacier;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to resolve territorial disputes pertaining to Siachen glacier with the Government of Pakistan?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a) & (b):** Government is cognizant of the strategic importance of Siachen and requisite forces have been deployed in this area keeping in view the threat perception, ground situation and other operational aspects. The soldiers deployed in Siachen Glacier are suitably equipped and properly trained to undertake the operational challenges and carry out their mandated tasks. Besides, various modern technological equipment are being utilized by Army for surveillance in Siachen which includes Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, different types of Radars etc.

**(c)** Thirteen rounds of talks to resolve the Siachen issue have already taken place between Governments of India and Pakistan, led by the respective Defence Secretaries. Indian Government has made it clear to Pakistan that the solution to Siachen Glacier is a part of the larger issue to include Pakistan's support to terrorism in India.

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