

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.285

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2017

STRENGTHENING LINES OF DEFENCE

*285. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE जेके एच
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to strengthen the lines of defence in view of continuous nefarious activities being carried out by Pakistan in border areas; and
- (b) the comparative details of military power of India and Pakistan?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

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(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) Government regularly reviews the threat perception to secure our borders and protect national interests. Appropriate measures are taken from time to time to maintain / upgrade the country's defence preparedness along the border to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India. Further, the areas along the borders are kept under surveillance by regular patrolling by troops and other aerial, optronic and electronic means.

Appropriate retaliation to the ceasefire violations and other tactical incidents by Pakistan Army, as required, is carried out by Indian Army.

All the forward posts are adequately strengthened to withstand enemy fire. Besides, there are well-established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to safeguard against enemy fire to minimize own casualties.

Indian Army has constructed an Anti Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) along the Line of Control (LC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu & Kashmir, under its operational control. Radars, Sensors, Thermal Imagers etc. along with surveillance have been incorporated on this fence to detect and intercept infiltration by terrorists, AIOS is further strengthened by Deployment of troops and construction of defence works based on threat perception for an effective multi-tiered counter infiltration grid.

(b) Government is taking measures to ensure modernization of Indian Defence Forces to keep them in a state of readiness to meet operational and security challenges. This is being achieved by inducting new equipment, technologically upgrading existing equipment and systems, training etc.

It will not be in the national interests to divulge further details.
