

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *246**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018 /PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

AIR WING OF ITBP

***246. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) will soon have an air wing primarily for reconnaissance so that transgressions by the Chinese army, troop build up and construction activities across the border can be spotted in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITBP has already commenced work on acquiring helicopters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *246 BY SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR FOR ANSWER ON 13.03.2018.

(a): No, Madam.

(b): does not arise.

(c) to (d): For air support to the troops deployed at high altitude Border Out Posts (BOPs), this Ministry have approved a proposal of ITBP for wet leasing two twin engine helicopters. Requisite codal formalities have since been initiated by the force.
