## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3140 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

## TRACK ALONG LoC

## 3140. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY: PROF. K.V. THOMAS: SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether China has constructed or attempted to build a track / road on Indian side on LoC in Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Chinese authorities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether China is pressurizing India by enhancing the strength of the Army force in the border areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to prevent Chinese threat?

ANSWERMINISTER OF STATE(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCEरारायमंी(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

(a) to (c): An Indian Army patrol observed three civilians believed to be Chinese nationals carrying out track construction in Arunachal Pradesh on the Indian side of the LAC. The three civilians returned to the Chinese side of the LAC on seeing the Indian Army patrol. As per the agreed modalities, a Flag Meeting was arranged to discuss the intrusion. The Chinese side admitted that the three civilians had crossed over the LAC and agreed to withdraw their equipment immediately.

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Government regularly takes up such matters along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including Border Personnel Meetings, Flag Meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs, as well as through diplomatic channels.

(d) & (e): Indian Army is fully seized of the security needs of the country in the border areas. Necessary steps including construction / upgradation of roads, capability enhancement and infrastructure development have been undertaken to ensure that the National Security concerns along the Borders are adequately addressed.

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