

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.463
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019

INTRUSION AT BORDER

463. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent and increasing incidents of Chinese and Pakistani troops crossing over to the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control/Line of Control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Chinese and Pakistani authorities to reduce tension along the border and to prevent the recurrence of such incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) As regards incidents of border transgressions from China, there is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression 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. Government consistently maintains that peace and tranquility in the India-China border areas is an important pre-requisite for the smooth development of bilateral relations.

With regard to Pakistan, continued cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan remains a matter of core concern. As per available information, Indian security forces have interdicted attempts by 371, 419 and 323 terrorists at cross border infiltration in 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively. India has consistently called upon Pakistan to abide by its commitment, not to allow any territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner and take effective actions to end all support to cross-border terrorism and take credible and effective actions to dismantle terrorist infrastructure in territory under its control. Till then India will continue to take firm and decisive steps to respond to cross-border terrorist infiltration and unprovoked ceasefire violations by Pakistan, including in support of terrorist infiltration.
