

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1385**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

**FLYING BALLOON ON BORDER**

1385. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether a flying balloon was spotted recently in Rajasthan along Indo-Pak border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any investigation has been conducted by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
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**(a) & (b):** On 26.1.2016, a balloon like object was detected flying in Indian airspace in Barmer District of Rajasthan which was intercepted and shot down by Indian Air Force aircraft.

**(c)** On retrieval of the balloon, it was found that it was a helium foil self-sealing balloon. No suspended / internal payload was found with the balloon.

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