GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1385 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2016

FLYING BALLOON ON BORDER

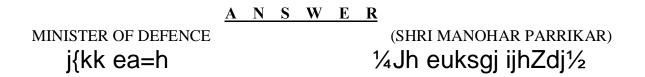
1385. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

(a) whether a flying balloon was spotted recently is 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?



(<u>a) & (b</u>): 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 selfsealing balloon. No suspended / internal payload was found with the balloon.
