

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF MOUNTAINEERING DIVISION  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is shifting the Mountaineering Division from its present location Kashmir to some other place in North East;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this shifting will not pose any threat to the law and order situation of Kashmir in view of the terrorist training camps that are still in existence; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): The quantum of troops deployed in the State of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) including deployment of any specific unit of Army is continuously assessed and reviewed by the Army based on the changing threat perception. Terrorist activities in J&K has been on the decline. The Army has adopted a comprehensive counter infiltration strategy in J&K, comprising of a multi-tiered arrangement, including a forward tier of troop deployment, deployment of state-of-the-art surveillance devices, the Line of Control (LC) fence and a second tier of deployment in conjunction with the fence. This has resulted in a substantial drop in the successful infiltration/exfiltration attempts by the terrorists. The Army, along with other intelligence and security agencies, continuously reviews its strategy to ensure that infiltration is minimized and the violence levels in J&K remain under check.