

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEMILITARISATION AGREEMENT ON SIACHEN

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to make Siachen a peaceful area and a zone of scientific discovery;
- (b) if so, whether India and Pakistan have worked out a demilitarization agreement on Siachen as reported in The Times of India dated the April 6, 2006;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said agreement is likely to be signed and enforced?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A ceasefire has been in force on Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) in Siachen area since the midnight of 25th November, 2003, which has been upheld by both the sides. However, there is no decision at present to pull out troops from Siachen Glacier.