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INFILTRATION ACROSS LOC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the infiltration from across the Line of Control (LoC) is on the increase;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the current year so far and how does it compare with the corresponding figures of the previous year; and
- (c) the steps taken to stop the cross border terrorism?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Infiltration attempts from across the Line of Control continue and are being effectively neutralized in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The assessed infiltration into J&K during January-June, 2006 was 169 persons as compared to 91 during the same period in 2005. The strategy adopted by the Army to tackle cross border terrorism incorporates an integrated dynamic counter infiltration strategy, comprising of multi-tiered arrangements, including a forward tier of troop deployment, deployment of the state-of-the-art surveillance devices, the Line of Control (LoC) fence, a second tier deployment in conjunction with the fence, relentless operations in the hinterland and winning the 'hearts and minds' of the local populace through small scale development and community projects. The Army, in conjunction with other intelligence and security agencies, continually reviews its strategy to deal with terrorists to ensure that violence levels in J&K remain under check.