

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi
Date: 12th August, 2024

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to the Order No. CIC/DODEF/A/2023/112078/MOEAF dated 22nd July, 2024 issued by Chief Information Commissioner regarding your Second Appeal with respect to the RTI application filed with the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 10th November, 2022, finally received in this Ministry on 10th March, 2023, & replied to by Deputy Secretary (China) & CPIO on 05th April 2023 vide D.O.NO. E-551/03/2023-CH.

2. The reply sent by DS (China) & CPIO vide D.O.NO E-551/03/2023-CH dated 05th April, 2023 is attached once again for your reference.

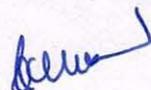
3. It may be noted that under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, a CPIO/ Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in the records and which is held by or under the control of that authority. The CPIO is not supposed to create information or to interpret information. As such, the information available with the CPIO had been shared within the specified timeline with the applicant.

4. CIC's order dated 22nd July, 2024 also takes note of a return submission received from the CPIO, Ministry of External Affairs vide letter dated 04th March, 2024 reiterating the facts placing reliance on the response sent on 05th April, 2023 and adding that no First Appeal was received by MEA.

5. As directed by CIC, following is the point-wise reply to the queries raised by the Appellant:

- i. Points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 : Statements made by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri in the Parliament on 15th September 2020 and 11th February 2021; Press Releases by MEA dated 6th August 2021 and 9th September 2022 – These documents are available in public domain, including MEA and other GoI websites.
- ii. Point 6 : Several previously answered Parliament Questions on this issue. These are available in public domain, including MEA website. Two such responses are attached for reference.

6. This is in compliance with CIC's Order No. CIC/DODEF/A/2023/112078/MOEAF dated 22nd July, 2024


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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi
05 April 2023

Subject: Information Sought Under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application bearing Registration No. MOEAF/R/P/23/00063 and MOEAF/R/P/23/00064 addressed to the RTI Cell, Ministry of External Affairs, received by this Ministry on 10 March 2023.

2. It may be noted that under the provisions of the RTI Act 2005, a CPIO/Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in the records and which is held by or under the control of that authority. Information regarding your query such as is available with the undersigned CPIO is being shared herewith.
3. With respect to points 1,2,3,4,5 and 7, statements of the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri in Parliament on 15 September 2020 and 11 September 2021, as well as official press releases dated 06 August 2021 and 09 September 2022 are attached for your reference.
4. With respect to point 6, it may be noted that this issue has been responded to in Parliament previously. A copy of an answer to a Parliament question on the topic is attached for reference.
5. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Aniket Govind Mandavgane, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi - 110001, within a month of the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1014
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.7.2017

INCURSIONS BY CHINESE TROOPS

1014. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps in regard to the repetitive and reported incursions of our neighbouring country China on borders of Ladakh and the North East;
- (b) if so, details of steps being taken in this regard; and
- (c) what are the actual conditions prevailing on the Line of Actual Control?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE

(a) to (c): There have been no instances of incursions of Chinese troops in Ladakh and the North East. Since there is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China, there are areas along the LAC where both sides have differing perception of LAC. Due to both sides undertaking patrolling upto their respective perception of the LAC, transgressions do occur.

Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms such as border personnel meetings, flag meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs and diplomatic channels.



Q.374 Chinese Incursions in the Indian Territory

 March 14, 2012

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.374
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2012

†374. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Chinese incursions in the Indian Territory including in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh Area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up this issue with the Chinese authorities;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Chinese authorities;
- (e) whether the Government plans to set up a Joint Mechanism with the Chinese authorities to avoid such incidents of incursions; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings and diplomatic channels. The two sides have reiterated, on many occasions, their commitment to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China border areas, pending a final settlement of the Boundary Question. Government keeps

- a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

(e) & (f) During the 15th round of Talks between the Special Representatives, India and China signed an Agreement on the Establishment of a Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs. The 1st meeting of this Working Mechanism was successfully held in Beijing on 5-6 March 2012. The two delegations agreed on the rules governing the functioning of the Mechanism which include convening 1-2 meetings a year, and if required, holding of emergency consultations either through meetings or by telephone/ video conferencing. The two delegations reviewed the situation prevailing in the India-China border areas and noted the adherence by both sides to the various agreements for maintenance of peace and tranquility. At the same time they stressed the need for continuing efforts towards this objective and discussed additional confidence building measures between the two sides. They also discussed the possibility of an alternate route for the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra and additional items for border trade at Nathu La Pass in Sikkim.

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