



**RTI matter/ Time Bound**

Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

**No. E-551/01/2024-RTI (IV)**

**15 April 2024**

To:

**Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005**

Please refer to your RTI application registration No. MOEAF/R/T/24/00117 (& No. MODEF/R/E/24/01684 dated 27.03.2024) which was received by the undersigned CPIO on 28.03.2024.

2. With regard to the information sought in respect of question no. 12, under so-called China-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' signed in 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms of Indian Territory in Shaksgam Valley from areas illegally occupied by Pakistan in Union Territory of Ladakh to China. Government of India has never recognized the so-called Pakistan-China 'Boundary Agreement' of 1963 and consistently maintained that it is illegal and invalid. Further, in the Eastern Sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Indian territory under occupation of China in the Union Territory of Ladakh is approximately 38,000 square kilometers. India's consistent and principled position is that Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, have been, are and shall be an integral part of India. This fact has been clearly conveyed to Chinese authorities several occasions. This Ministry has answered several Parliament Questions on this issue which are available in public domain.

3. With regard to the second part of question no. 16, this Ministry's recent press release on '29<sup>th</sup> Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs' and earlier press releases dated 06 August 2021 and 09 September 2022 are enclosed.

4. It is also stated that under the provisions of RTI Act 2005, a CPIO/ Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in records and that which is held by or under the control of that authority.

5. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Aniket G. Mandavgane, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi -110001, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.


Yours faithfully,

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**Encl: As above (3)**

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 What's New

## 29th Meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs

 March 28, 2024


The 29th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) was held on 27 March 2024 in Beijing. Joint Secretary (East Asia) from the Ministry of External Affairs led the Indian delegation. The Chinese delegation was led by Director General of the Boundary & Oceanic Department of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The two sides had an in-depth exchange of views on how to achieve complete disengagement and resolve the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of India-China border areas.


3. In the interim, both sides agreed to maintain regular contact through diplomatic and military channels and on the need to uphold peace and tranquility on the ground in the border areas in accordance with existing bilateral agreements and protocols.

New Delhi

March 28, 2024

 What's New

## Disengagement at Patrolling Point 17A

 August 06, 2021


1. As conveyed earlier this week, the twelfth round of talks between the Corps Commanders of India and China were held on 31 July 2021 at Chushul Moldo Meeting Point in Eastern Ladakh.
2. The two sides had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on resolution of remaining areas related to disengagement along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector of India-China border areas. As an outcome of the meeting, both sides agreed on disengagement in the area of Gogra. The troops in this area have been in a face-off situation since May last year.
3. As per the agreement, both sides have ceased forward deployments in this area in a phased, coordinated and verified manner. The disengagement process was carried out over two days i.e. 04 and 05 August 2021. The troops of both sides are now in their respective permanent bases.
4. All temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area by both sides have been dismantled and mutually verified. The landform in the area has been restored by both sides to pre-stand off period.
5. This agreement ensures that the LAC in this area will be strictly observed and respected by both sides, and that there is no unilateral change in status quo.
6. With this one more sensitive area of face-off has been resolved. Both sides have expressed commitment to take the talks forward and resolve the remaining issues along the LAC in the Western Sector.
7. The Indian Army along with ITBP is totally committed to ensure the sovereignty of the nation and maintain peace & tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector.

New Delhi

August 06, 2021

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## Official Spokesperson's response to media queries on disengagement at area Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15)

 September 09, 2022

In response to media queries on disengagement at area Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15), the Official Spokesperson, Shri Arindam Bagchi said:

"The sixteenth round of talks between the Corps Commanders of India and China was held at Chushul Moldo Meeting Point on 17 July 2022. Since then, the two sides had maintained regular contact to build on the progress achieved during the talks to resolve the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector of India-China border areas.

As a result, both sides have now agreed on disengagement in the area of Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15).

As per the agreement, the disengagement process in this area started on 08 September 2022 at 0830 hrs and will be completed by 12 September 2022. The two sides have agreed to cease forward deployments in this area in a phased, coordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas.

It has been agreed that all temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area by both sides will be dismantled and mutually verified. The landforms in the area will be restored to pre-stand-off period by both sides.

The agreement ensures that the LAC in this area will be strictly observed and respected by both sides, and that there will be no unilateral change in status quo.

With the resolution of stand-off at PP-15, both sides mutually agreed to take the talks forward and resolve the remaining issues along LAC and restore peace and tranquility in India-China border areas."

New Delhi  
September 09, 2022

## RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

**Registration Number** MOEAF/R/T/24/00117  
(पंजीकरण संख्या) :

**Date of Receipt** 27/03/2024  
(प्राप्ति की तारीख) :

**Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित):** Department of Defence on 27/03/2024 With Reference Number :  
MODEF/R/E/24/01684

**Remarks(टिप्पणी) :** For providing information on points concerning them directly to the applicant. Also sent to DRDO physically.

**Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :** Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority

**Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :** English

**Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person?** No(Normal)

**Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :**

DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni

(क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) :

**Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):** I have some query related to Indian Defence policy.

**Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ):** I have some query related to Indian Defence policy.

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Hello,

As a concerned citizen I want to know regarding recruitments done under Ministry of Defence since 2014 till December 2023 in three wings of armed forces – Army, Navy, Air Force as well as civilians who are working under MoD in different PSUs and various organisations/ bodies since 2014 till Dec 2023. Also, I have certain questions regarding overall defence infrastructure and policy making.

Below mentioned are my queries which I think needs to be addressed & I hope my questions doesn't fall under any exemption limits mentioned under Sections 8 & 9 of the RTI Act.

1. Total no of defence recruitments across 3 wings - army, navy, air force:-
  - a. Total personnel recruitment in 3 wings at gazetted level, non gazetted level.
  - b. Number of persons who joined as Permanent Commission (PC)
  - c. Number of persons who joined as Short Service Commission (SSC)
  - d. Total number of women in the armed forces (across three wings)
  - e. Number of persons employed as civilians who work under different defence establishments like DRDO, HAL, OFB, BHEL, BEL, BEML, Bharat Dynamics, etc.
  - f. Total no of women in armed forces across 3 wings who have been granted PC and SSC.
  - g. Number of personnel in army medical corps against sanctioned posts since 2014.
  - h. Why Govt of India opted for Agnipath scheme? Under which committee the scheme evolved and under whose recommendation the Agnipath scheme was finalized? Kindly provide the detailed description of Agnipath scheme for Army, Navy & Air Force respectively. Also, what's the current status of recruitments done under Agnipath scheme? Also, provide information regarding employment opportunities available for those 75% students who will be released after 4 years of being a trained soldier?
2. Does India have any National Security Strategy or Doctrine? If yes, kindly let me know in details.
3. Whats the status of defence exports and imports, having known the fact that as per SIPRI, India's military spending was the fourth highest in the world in 2022 and India remains world's top arms importer.
4. What are the various technologies or weapons or machinery India imports from abroad in strengthening the defence ecosystem – infrastructure of India? Kindly provide the details of imports on country wise basis.
5. Recently number of OFBs were clubbed into 7 DPSUs in 2021. Kindly provide plan of Govt regarding OFB corporatization. What are the changes in the overall structure of OFB after merging into 7 DPSUs? What are the effects on salary, pensions, recruitment done earlier by OFB and to be done by OFB in future?
  - a. Is Govt of India going to scrutinize the total manpower of OFB by laying off certain number of employees who were recruited on permanent basis before this policy comes in?
  - b. What are the objectives Govt of India trying to achieve through OFB corporatization?
  - c. What are the gains for MoD as well as Govt of India post formation of 7 DPSUs since 2021?
  - d. Whether Govt of India is looking for privatisation/ strategic disinvestment of 7 DPSUs (or say OFB in all) in near future ever? If yes, whats the rationale behind it and if no, why so.

6. Provide the list of private companies who are part of defence manufacturing and infrastructure making process along with the wealth created by these private companies in defence sector during last 10 years since 2014?
7. What's the total amount of wealth created by Public sector enterprises like OFB, DRDO, HAL, etc. in defence sector during last 10 years since 2014?
8. How much is the losses incurred by PSUs and other companies in defence sector of India during last 10 years since 2014? Kindly enumerate on pitfalls of defence production and relevant issues in OFB, DRDO, HAL and other public sector enterprises which are involved in defence manufacturing, research and innovation.
9. Please provide the details of achievements till date of below mentioned policy, schemes –
  - a. **Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020** for indigenous content procurement with projects under 'Make-1' and 'Make-2' categories. Kindly list out year wise total amount of procurements done from various defence sector enterprises in India.
  - b. **Innovation for Defence excellence (iDEX)** which was for engaging industries to foster innovation, technology, research and development through Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)
  - c. **Mission DefSpace** which is to use industry and startups to further India's preparation and position the nation for potential future space opportunities.
  - d. **Technology Development Fund (TDF)** scheme of DRDO for funding innovation in defence and aerospace, especially to start-ups and MSMEs
10. What amount of our defence budget is used in research & development (R&D) over last 10 years since 2014? Also provide the information regarding defence R&D during 2000-2014?
11. In comparison to major global defence powers like US, UK, China, France, Russia, Germany and our neighbour countries in South Asia; is India's defence R&D lagging behind them? If No, what are the steps taken by Govt of India in this regard and provide relevant facts and figures to substantiate the argument.
12. Has any part of the Indian territory from North to South from East to West, have been occupied illegally by any foreign forces or foreign military or foreign Govt? If yes, kindly provide the details and what steps Govt of India has taken in course of time to get back such illegally occupied regions of our territory.
13. Do Indian armed forces have any military bases outside Indian territory to meet strategic interests of our country? If yes, where are these military bases across globe?
14. What are the estimates of Govt of India regarding expenditure borne by the Govt in making a normal candidate to a professional armed personnel during total training period ( from date of joining for training till commissioning ) ? Please provide the details year wise on expenditure by the exchequer since 2014 till date.
15. What is the progress regarding the theaterisation of armed forces?
16. Is there any defence policy with respect to two front frequent disruptions by China and Pakistan in overall peace and tranquility around the region? What's the progress regarding disengagement talks with China post Galwan crisis 2020?

**ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.MOEAF/R/T/24/00117**

**Applicant Name**

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**Text of Application**

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**Reply of Application**

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	27/03/2024	Nodal Officer	MODEF/R/E/24/01684
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	28/03/2024	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) US (MEA-N)
3	REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CPIO	28/03/2024	US (MEA-N)- (CPIO)	Transferred to CPIO(s) : (1) DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni, (2) DS (PAK)

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