

## Have “microwave weapons” been used in the past?

The US apparently deployed such a weapon in Afghanistan, but withdrew it without ever using it against human targets.

## 4. India and China agreements on border management

India and China have signed various agreements on border management— signed in September 1993, November 1996, April 2005 and October 2013.

### 1. 1993 Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the Sino-Indian Border:

As per the agreement, both India and China agree to keep “military forces in the areas along the line of actual control to a minimum level” and “reduce troop levels” compatible with friendly and good relations between them.

### 2. 1996 Agreement on Confidence-Building Measures:

This agreement allows for “military disclosure when the parties are undertaking border exercises and for the reduction of troop levels in the border areas.

- It also allows the parties to observe and inspect troop movements in each other territory upon invitation.
- In this agreement too, the two sides agreed to reduce or limit their military forces within mutually-agreed geographical zones along the LAC.
- It also specifies the major categories of armaments to be reduced or limited: “combat tanks, infantry combat vehicles, guns etc.
- It also stipulates that “[n]either side shall open fire, cause bio-degradation, use hazardous chemicals, conduct blast operations or hunt with guns or explosives within two kilometers from the line of actual control.

India and China have recently agreed on a **five-point course of action to disengage and reduce tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).**

## 5. Indo-Sri Lankan Accord

Signed in 1987.

Popularly referred to as **the Rajiv-Jayewardene Accord**, after its architects Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and President J.R. Jayewardene.

- It sought to collectively address all the three contentious issues between India and Sri Lanka: strategic interests, people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka and Tamil minority rights in Sri Lanka.



### INDO-LANKA ACCORD

The Indo-Sri Lanka Peace Accord was an accord signed in Colombo on July 29, 1987, between Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan President J.R. Jayewardene.



- ⊙ The accord was expected to resolve the ongoing Sri Lankan civil war. Under the terms of the agreement, Colombo agreed to a devolution of power to the provinces, the Tamil rebels were to disarm.
- ⊙ The Indo-Sri Lanka Accord also underlined the commitment of Indian military assistance on which the Indian Peace Keeping Force came to be inducted into Sri Lanka.