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Threat exists

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police chief Gautam Kaul's assertion that India is not facing any threat from china, as the People's Liberation Army is far away, (December 26) could be very misleading. A security threat to a country is calculated on the basis of the existing dispute with another and not on where the other's army is located. China has reated a serious dispute with India not only along the Indo-Tibetan border, but also by claiming the whole of Arunachal, large parts of Assam and some parts of Bengal as its own. The threat from china exists in all its seriousness. It has the capacity to move troops to the border at will and at a short notice which we are still to develop.

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