

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF PROPER HAND GLOVES BY D.R.D.O. FOR TROOPS AT GLACIERS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation had promised to make proper hand-gloves for troops stationed on the Glaciers;
- (b) if so, whether such hand-gloves were provided to the troops in Kargil; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the efforts being made to ensure that proper hand-gloves are provided to the soldiers exposed to frostbites at Glaciers?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had developed Gloves Glacier as per requirement projected by the users & were accepted for introduction into Service. However, subsequently the users suggested certain improvements to provide better protection in extreme cold conditions. The improved Gloves Glacier is in an advanced stage of development.
- (b) Gloves Glacier developed by DRDO together with some additional protection, were provided to troops at Kargil.
- (c) Does not arise.