

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2432  
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CONSTITUTION OF COMMANDO FORCE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any `Commando-Force` with the nomenclature `GARUD`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the functions likely to be assigned to this `Commando-Force`?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In September, 2003, Government sanctioned a commando force called `Garud`, with a total strength of 1090 personnel. The main functions of the force are:

- (i) Protection of critical Air Force bases and installations;
- (ii) Search and rescue during peace and hostilities;
- (iii) Disaster relief during calamities.