

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY OPERATION IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that during the military operations like `Rhino` and `Cobra` against the extremist activities in Assam since 1992 to 1999, a huge amount of decomposed money was recovered from the ULFA extremists;
- (b) if so, the total amount recovered from them so far;
- (c) whether the amount has been deposited to the State Exchequer or invested for any other social cause; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. In Operation `Rhino` which was conducted in Assam during the period 1992-99, a total sum of Rs. 94,50,467/- was recovered from the ULFA. No operation by the codename `Cobra` was launched by the Army during this period. The money recovered has been deposited with the State Police and receipts for the same obtained and reflected in the FIRs filed on the subject.