

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RESENTMENT AMONG ORDERLY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Orderly is responsible for the upkeep of the uniforms and weapons of the officers in the Army;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that these Orderly have been engaged in household chores and private functions of the Senior Officers even when they are posted out of the unit;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether such treatment often resulted in large scale resentment among the Orderly; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to define the duties of Orderly as per the rules and regulations of the Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e) : An orderly forms an integral part of the organization and carries out all normal soldierly duties.

The following duties have been assigned to orderlies :

- (i) To maintain officers/Junior Commissioned Officers weapons, uniforms and equipment in accordance with the custom and usage in the Army.
- (ii) To provide personal protection and security.
- (iii) To attend to telephones, receive and deliver messages during operations, training, and exercise and in peace.
- (iv) To assist in digging trenches, erect bivouacs and shelters during war, training or exercise while the leaders are busy in planning, coordinating and execution of operations.
- (v) To be of assistance during patrols and independent missions.
- (vi) To carry and operate radio sets, maps and other military equipment during operations, training cadres and outdoor exercises.