

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SPECIAL CLOTHES FOR JAWANS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to produce special clothes in the country required by the Jawans in chemical warfare as reported in the 'Navbharat Times' dated November 9, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the time by which these clothes are likely to be produced in the country;
- (d) whether such special clothes are being imported at present; and
- (e) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two years alongwith the countries from where imports were made?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Army is using special clothing in the form of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) suits. These have been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- (c) Indigenous NBC suits have already been developed and are under production. The Army has placed an indent for production of 39,868 NBC suits. The production will be completed by the Ordnance Parachute Factory (OPF), Kanpur within one year.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.