

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2283  
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STRENGTH OF RASHTRIYA RIFLES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to augment the strength of Rashtriya Rifles to counter insurgents and check infiltration across the border in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The strength of the Rashtriya Rifles was enhanced from 36 battalions to 63 battalions in a phased manner during the period 2001-2005.