

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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BOOKING OF PEAKS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of peaks booked by the Indian and foreign expeditions through Indian Mountaineering Federation has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) the number of peaks booked for the next climbing season;
- (d) whether any peak fee is charged by the IMF;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the income generated therefrom during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007; and
- (f) the facilities provided by the IMF to the expeditions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The number of peaks booked by the Indian and foreign expeditions through Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) during the last three years are as under:

Year Number of Peaks  
Indian Foreign

2004	64	40
2005	47	46
2006	52	36

The above figures do not indicate an upward trend in the number of Indian and foreign expeditions booked through IMF.

(c) The number of peaks booked, through IMF, for the next climbing season as on 24th February, 2007, is as under:

(i) Indian - 23

(ii) Foreign - 10

(d) & (e): Handling charges are collected by IMF from foreign expeditions depending on the height and location of the peak booked. 25% of the handling charges collected are given to the concerned State for development and conservation of their respective areas. Handling charges are not levied on Indian expeditions. An amount of Rs.43, 90,250/- and Rs.33,34,500/- was collected by the IMF as handling charges during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, respectively.

(f) The IMF provides mountaineering gear to the expeditions. It also provides library and reading room facility including films, slides, latest maps and satellite imagery for effective planning, dormitory facilities and use of an auditorium. The IMF also maintains an interactive website.