

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF COIR PRODUCTS BY DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence forces proposes to utilize the coir products being manufactured by the State Coir Corporations, Coir Board, Form Mattings and Coirfed; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to place orders to these Government undertakings which would be very helpful for the ailing traditional coir Industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The defence forces have been utilizing various coir products according to their requirements. The coir products are being procured from various firms including Kerala State Coir Corporation Alappuzha and Coir Board Kochi amongst others.