

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRANSFER OF LAND TO MAFIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Defence land in cantonment areas in various States worth billion of rupees has been transferred to land-mafia through benami and transfer for construction of commercial complexes in contravention of all Government rules and policies;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases detected by the Government during the last three years till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): No case of transfer of defence land to land mafia has been reported. However, instances of transfer of leases/old grant sites in the cantonment areas, without following the laid down procedure, have come to the notice of the Government. Necessary action in such cases, as and when noticed, is taken as per the terms and conditions of the leases/old grant terms.