

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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QUALITY OF UNIFORM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the combat uniform, web equipment and coat parka provided to troops is of inferior quality as compared to neighbours like Sri Lanka;
- (b) whether a jacket or jersey is not fabricated and rain coat is also of very poor quality;
- (c) if so, the reasons for parts
- (a) and
- (b) above;
- (d) whether despite accumulation of years of experience in defence production and quality control mechanism, the reasons for which DGQA could not improve the quality;
- (e) whether the Government propose to tap civilian sources in the country; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (f): Government is not aware of the quality of uniforms provided to Sri Lankan troops. Jackets, Jerseys and Raincoats are fabricated by Ordnance Factories and the quality is checked by the Quality Control Wing of Ordnance Factories and Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA) to ensure that the same is according to the specifications. Improvement in quality of uniforms supplied to the Army is a continuing process. The Government do tap civilian sources for procurement of clothing items.