

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is shortening Republic Day and other Government functions;
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof for the last three years; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Defence has not taken any specific decision to shorten the duration of the Republic Day Parade and related ceremonies. However, there were some suggestions to reduce the duration of time. The duration of the national functions organized by the Ministry of Defence is determined by taking into account the time requirements for the ceremonial, military and cultural aspects with due consideration to engaging the spectators' interest.