

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGES IN DEFENCE POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating any changes in its Defence Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed changes would result in heavy expenditure on the Defence purchases in the next two decades; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): India's defence policy includes defence of our national territory, including island territories, off shore resources and assets, maritime trade routes and airspace and whenever required, securing an internal environment whereby nation is insured against any threat to its unity, core values and peaceful development. There is no change contemplated in this regard. Defence forces are structured, equipped and trained to carry out the task assigned to them to defend the country. The security scenario, technological environment and threat perceptions are reviewed from time to time and depending on the changing scenario, the forces are augmented/restructured and modernized on need basis. This is an ongoing process. Funds commensurate with the requirement as assessed by the Government are provided in Defence budget.