

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1332
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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff of India;
- (b) if so, whether the appointment has been made; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir. The Government has not taken a decision on the subject as yet.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Group of Ministers (GoM) set up by the Government on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety inter alia recommended creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). An integrated Defence Staff (IDS) Headquarters has been established, headed by the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, Chief of Staff Committee (CISC). A final view on the institution of CDS will be taken after wider consultation with political parties.