

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009
PROVISION OF QUALITY MATERIALS TO SOLDIERS
Kumar Shri Shailendra;Verma Shri Sajjan Singh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether weapon and non-weapon materials provided to the soldiers posted in the border/high altitude areas are of state-of-the-art technology;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken alongwith the funds allocated by the Government to equip the soldiers with the above materials of the latest technology?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 FOR ANSWER ON 20.7.2009

All soldiers including those in the border/high altitude areas are equipped with weapon and non-weapon materials based on the operational and security needs of the country.

These materials are procured as per qualitative requirements which are revised from time to time keeping in pace with emerging technologies and the operational requirements, changes in threat perceptions, capabilities and equipment of adversaries, etc.

Funds are placed at the disposal of the Services who spend them with the approval of the Competent Financial Authority for procuring such items as per their requirements.