

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF SPECIAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENTS FOR TROOPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of special clothing and equipments for troops deployed in the high altitude regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate and timely availability of these items for the troops?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The soldiers posted in High Altitude regions are being provided special clothing and equipment as per authorization.

Adequate reserve stock is also maintained to meet contingencies arising out of unforeseen situations.

An Empowered Committee under the chairmanship of Master General of Ordnance (MGO) was formed for fast track procurement of Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment in August 2007.