

Title: Regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 1st Report of the Standing Committee on Defence.

12.02 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Status of implementation of recommendations contained

in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Defence*

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, I am making this statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the Direction 73A of the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha vide Lok Sabha Bulletin -- Part II dated September 01, 2004.

The First Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 19.8.2004. The Report relates to the examination of Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2004-05.

Action Taken Statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the Report of the Committee had been sent to the Standing Committee on Defence on 17.1.2005.

There are 28 recommendations made by the Committee in the said Report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertain to the issues like augmentation of Budgetary resources, setting up of non-lapsable Defence Modernisation Fund, long-term strategic planning for our Defence needs, streamlining of Defence Procurement Procedure, training, pension related issues, acquiring best available machines and equipments for Defence forces, modernisation of Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories, development of advanced avionics and missile systems, setting up of National Defence University, construction of National War Memorial etc.

* Also placed in Library See No. LT 2074/05

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my Statement which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents of this Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.
