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Title: The Minister of Defence laid a statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in 16<sup>th</sup> Report of Standing Committee on Defence on Demands for Grants (2007-08), pertaining to the Ministry of Defence.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Mr. Speaker Sir, I am laying a statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 16<sup>th</sup> Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the direction of the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha contained in Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part II dated September 01, 2004.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha) relates to 'Demands for Grants (2007-2008) of the Ministry of Defence'. The Report was presented to the Lok Sabha on 28.4.2007 and laid in Rajya Sabha on 3.5.2007.

Action Taken Statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the 16<sup>th</sup> Report were sent to the Standing Committee on Defence on 22.8.2007.

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee in their 16<sup>th</sup> report is indicated in the Annexure-I 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 the Annexure. I would request that these may be considered as read.

\* Laid on the Table and also placed in Library See No. LT 8780/2008