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12.02 hrs.

Title: Statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 30th and 31st reports of Standing Committee on Defence on 'Status of Married Accommodation Project in Defence and Allied Services' and 'Stress Management in Armed Forces', respectively. (Laid on the Table)

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Madam, I with your permission, I am laying the statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the thirtieth and thirty-first Reports of the Standing Committee on Defence on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the direction of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha contained in Lok Sabha Bulletin - Part II dated September 01, 2004.

The 30th Report of the Standing Committee on Defence (14th Lok Sabha) relates to 'Status of Married Accommodation Project in Defence and Allied Services', and the 31st Report relates to 'Stress Management in Armed Forces'. Both the 30th & 31st Reports were presented to the Lok Sabha on 21.10.2008.

Action Taken Statements on the recommendations/ observations contained in the 30th Report were sent to the Standing Committee on Defence on 20.01.2009. Action Taken Statements on the 31st Report were sent on 04.03.2009 to the Standing Committee on Defence.

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee in their 30th & 31st reports is indicated in the Annexure-I and II respectively 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 these Annexures. I would request that these may be considered as read.