GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF GROUP OF MINISTERS ON NATIONAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Group of Ministers was appointed to suggest some radical changes in the existing establishment by integrating service headquarters with the Defence Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said group has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations made by it;
- (e) the time by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented;
- (f) the major changes proposed to be made in the three Defence Headquarters by implementing these recommendations; and
- (g) the fields where these changes are likely to take place?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) & (b): Government constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) comprising Raksha Mantri, the External Affairs Minister and the Finance Minister on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) to (g): Since the GoM's Report is yet to be accepted by the Government, it is not possible to give details.