

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGES IN DEFENCE SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Government propose to bring about major changes in the existing set up of the Defence Services by integrating the service headquarters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

(a) & (b): Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) 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 to formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM had after careful consideration of various issues formulated a comprehensive Report titled 'Reforming the National Security System', which was presented to the Prime Minister on February 26, 2001. The recommendations that will result in integration of Services with the Ministry of Defence are establishment of

(i) the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS),

(ii) Defence Staff,

(iii) Defence Procurement Board,

(iv) the Defence Intelligence Agency,

(v) Integrated HQs of Ministry of Defence, and

(vi) Enhanced Delegation of Administrative Powers to integrated HQs. The implementation of the recommendations of the GoM has already commenced. In order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a time bound manner, the implementation process is being closely monitored by the Government.