

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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GERMAN NGO TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether his ministry has sought the assistance of a German NGO Transparency international to help in combating corruption in Government dealings;
- (b) if so, the measures suggested to get rid of corruption in Defence Procurement; and
- (c) the action taken to implement the measures?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Transparency International, a well known International Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) has been striving towards building up world-wide opinion in favour of transparency in Government dealings. The Organisation has evolved the concept of an `Integrity Pact` between a Buyer and a Seller committing both to fair practices in their dealings. The Ministry of Defence had invited Mr. Michel Wiehen of Transparency International to explain the concept of the `Integrity Pact`. He visited India in August, 2001 and gave a presentation on the subject.

Some of the elements of the `Integrity Pact` are already included in the contracts entered into by the Ministry of Defence. It has been the constant endeavour of the Ministry to refine the defence procurement process and the interaction held with Transparency International was a part of this process.